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## Campus Debates Keeping Russian Program

*Faculty and Students Tell Administration They Want Diversity to Stay*

By Amy Lin  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Faculty members from several departments hotly debated the administration's proposed elimination of the Russian program during the April 4 faculty meeting in the Great Hall.

Faculty members spoke out against the decision that the administrators made without their knowledge or input, saying they should have been consulted beforehand.

"I'm very concerned about the shabby treatment of the faculty. We have not been consulted at any stage of this," Assistant Professor of English and Linguistics Judith Parker said.

Chair of the Modern Foreign Languages Department Joanna Reynolds proposed that the Dean and the Provost not recommend the elimination of the program to the Board of Visitors until faculty, students and administration have a chance to discuss it further. The proposal passed unanimously after one and a half hours of debate.

Despite the vote, Provost Philip Hall and Dean of the Faculty Barbara Palmer said they still intend to bring the recommendation before the BOV's April meeting.

In an earlier telephone interview, Palmer told the Bulletin that she is not obligated to inform or consult the faculty or student body beforehand about her plans for staffing changes.

"Students do not have the right to make decisions about administration. You don't ask the student body to vote on tenure," Palmer said.

Reynolds said that Hall and Palmer informed her of their decision

on Monday, March 18.

"As far as I know, they [Hall and Palmer] announced it to me as though it were a definite decision. Of course, they have not given the recommendation to the Board of Visitors yet," Reynolds said.

Reynolds said that she was very surprised by Hall and Palmer's announcement because they had not discussed their recommendation with any faculty members prior to the announcement.

However, Palmer said that in the fall of 1994 she had informed Reynolds of the possible termination of the Russian classes. The decreasing enrollment numbers were Palmer's primary source of concern.

In the 1991 fall semester, there were a total of 39 students for the two beginning and intermediate levels of Russian. In fall of 1995, the enrollment in these two classes had dropped to 26. However, the total number of students enrolled in Russian language, literature or culture classes increased by three.

Valentina Baslyk, assistant professor, teaches all the Russian classes at MWC. Baslyk said that she has taught at the college for five years. She was planning to apply for tenure in August before she was informed of Hall and Palmer's decision. She will lose her position if the BOV approves

the administration's proposed recommendation.

At the faculty meeting, Parker also addressed the issue of untenured faculty.

"For a faculty member to go through the hoops for five years of pre-tenure, to have herself cut at the knees a month within getting ready to apply for tenure is very cruel, I think," Parker said.

In an earlier phone interview, Palmer said that she would prefer to keep the faculty intact, but at a state-supported institution like MWC, there is a limited number of faculty positions available. She does not want to tenure a professor to teach a discipline with steadily decreasing enrollment figures.

Palmer said that it would be better not to tenure Baslyk at all if the position might be taken from her in the future. She said that she is trying to preserve the integrity of tenure.

According to Reynolds, at the department chair meeting the previous Friday, March 15, Palmer had stated that she did not plan to make cuts in any of the departments.

Palmer said that Russian is a "position", not a program, within the Modern Foreign Languages Department. Unlike Spanish, French

and German, Russian has no established course requirements for a major. A student must combine courses from various disciplines to create a Russian Studies major.

According to Baslyk, regardless of the BOV's decision, she will be able to continue teaching until at least the end of the next academic year. According to the Faculty Handbook, Baslyk must be given that time period to look for another position.

"We don't want it to become a self-fulfilling prophecy. I'm an optimist. I believe in Russian. I've worked very hard to preserve Russian... I don't want to throw it all away. I came here thinking it was a tenure track position," Baslyk said.

Academic Affairs Chair David Wrubel said that Russian 296 would not again appear on the 1997 list of classes that fulfill general education requirements. This omission would probably further decrease the total number of students who enroll in Russian.

Sophomore Janice Wood, who is taking Russian 202 this semester, said that several students take these literature classes in translation to fulfill the Modes of Creativity requirement. In addition, Russian 295 and 296 qualify as Writing Intensive.

Although Hall and Palmer's recommendation has not altered the current Russian program in any way, the rumors, false or true, have drawn decisive response from both faculty and students.

"One Russian professor, we think, is one of the most vibrant, active people in our department and on this campus. She's really dynamic. We value her tremendously, but we also

## Alumnus, Government Agencies Sue MWC

*Meanwhile, College Holds Disabilities Awareness Week*

By Kelly Regan  
Bulletin Assistant News Editor

Alumnus Mark Phillips is suing the college for violating the Fair Housing Act and charges that the college administration was insensitive to his disability, muscular dystrophy, which causes him to be in a wheelchair.

The US Department of Justice filed the case against the college on behalf of Mark Phillips and housing advocacy group, Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME) on March 1, according to Marjorie Poysck, executive assistant to the president.

Phillips says he decided to pursue the case after he received a \$1,200 bill mailed to his home in San Jose, Ca. following graduation in 1994. While Phillips was a student at Mary Washington, he repeatedly alerted administration officials that the fee, accrued from a \$300 per semester charge for occupying a single dorm room, was unlawful.

"Mary Washington had generally been supportive up until that time. Whenever I needed something done, they came up with plans to make it possible. On this particular issue, there was no support. I was surprised and a little offended," said Phillips in a telephone interview.

Phillips says that once the college made it clear they would not drop the fee, he decided to



Mark Phillips

contact HOME, and later the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. HUD embarked on an investigation of the case in the summer of 1993, and concluded that the college violated the Fair Housing Act in 1995, according to a Richmond Times-Dispatch report.

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## Student's Voting Appeal Denied In Fredericksburg

By Kim Ranney  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Sophomore Courtney Lamb's attempt to register to vote in Fredericksburg was denied in Circuit Court on Monday, Feb. 26.

Lamb, an out-of-state student from Warwick, N.Y. and a resident assistant in Westmoreland Hall, was appealing Registrar Mary F. Sullivan's denial of her attempt to register in Fredericksburg on Jan. 23.

"I think I'm a fairly informed voter and I just wanted to exercise my constitutional right to vote and be informed about it and not just vote for the sake of voting," Lamb said.

Lamb, who is currently registered in her hometown, pursued changing her registration to Virginia after learning that her parents are moving to St. Louis, Mo.

"I have never been to Missouri and will probably never be there for longer than two weeks at a time. Because my life is in Virginia, I feel that this is my home, and I should be able to vote as a Virginian. I have done a lot for the city and I am only asking for one thing back: my right to vote in Virginia," Lamb wrote in a statement to the court in support of her appeal.

The Constitution of Virginia states that a voter must be a resident of the Commonwealth and of the precinct in which the person is trying to register. Residence requires both domicile and a place of abode.

According to Sullivan's letter of

denial, she would not register Lamb in Fredericksburg because she is a registered voter in Warwick, N.Y. and she resides in Westmoreland Hall. The Registrar concluded that Lamb is in Fredericksburg for the sole purpose of attending school, and she is financially dependent on her parents; therefore her domicile is in her hometown.

Domicile is where you declare your residence. However a college address is not a domicile, according to Carolyn Mines, manager of registration services at the state board of elections.

A Mary Washington College student wanting to register to vote in Fredericksburg must live off-campus and have an apartment or house in Fredericksburg, pay taxes here, and be able to prove to the registrar that he or she has a domicile in Fredericksburg, said Mines.

Geoff Hart, the '95-'96 student government association president who has been active with the voter registration issue for the past two

years, accompanied Lamb to court.

"The issue is where do you live? The laws written give sole discretion to the voter registrar with a few guidelines. The guidelines are vague and up to interpretation," said Hart, who accompanied Lamb to court.

Sullivan considers a college town a temporary residence that cannot be considered home as far as domicile is defined, according to Hart.

"The law is still the same and I follow the election laws as far as domicile to the best of my ability," Sullivan said.

Sullivan refused to comment on Lamb's case or the issue any further.

Spotsylvania Delegate to the Virginia House of Delegates, Bobby Orrick, defines domicile as wherever a person declares their residence. He was commissioned to do a study on voter registration that was completed 18 months ago with three other delegates and three state senators. According to Orrick, there was no opposition towards students registering to vote in their college town among the seven elected officials involved in the study.

However, Orrick acknowledged

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John Kenneth Galbraith



David Gergen



Judy Muller



Helen Thomas

The Fredericksburg Forum will bring some of the nation's most prominent political thinkers. Students are admitted free of charge before the general audience at 7 p.m. in Dodd Auditorium on April 8.

# POLICE BEAT

By Chevonne Bray  
Bulletin Staff Writer

### • DUI/DWI

On March 29 Charles Sweigart of Fredericksburg was charged for DUI at Route 1 and the Fredericksburg Shopping Center.

On March 29 Michael Kelly, a resident of California, was charged for DUI at William St and Monroe St.

### • LARCENY

On March 27 a warrant was obtained for sophomore Michael McMahon due to an attempt to steal a bike from in front of Brent House.

On March 28 a computer

cartridge was stolen from the Eagles Nest.

On April 1 a black bike seat was stolen from the bike rack outside of Alvey Hall. The seat is valued at \$45.

On April 1 an Allen wrench was stolen from New Hall. It was valued at \$5.

On April 1 a mountain bike valued at \$350 was stolen from New Hall.

On April 1 a student in New Hall reported the theft of some clothing from the person's room. The clothing is valued at \$335.

On April 2 a juvenile attempted to steal two books valued at \$50 each from the Simpson Library. The 16-year-old was referred to Juvenile Intake.

### • INJURY/ILLNESS

On March 30 a student had trouble breathing in Chandler Hall. The student was transported to the emergency room by the rescue squad.

### • VANDALISM

On March 29 in Russell Hall room 214 was vandalized. There was no report of permanent damage.

### • MISC.

On March 27 there was a report of a hit and run of a state vehicle in the back parking lot of the Physical Plant.

On March 30 the fire alarm in Mercer Hall went off due to the discharge of a fire extinguisher.

# SENATE BEAT

By Beth McConnell  
Bulletin News Editor

Following up on controversy surrounding the lack of handicapped accessible dorms, Safety Committee Chair Jim Terrill informed Senate that the college is not required to make all dorms accessible. Terrill said that according to Vice-President of Business and Finance Dick Miller, the federal American with Disabilities Act requires the college to make accessible one upperclass coed dorm, one freshman coed dorm, one freshman all-female dorm and one upperclass all-female dorm.

Terrill also said that Miller informed him that two academic buildings, Combs and Goolrick Halls, are currently not accessible. The new Jepson

Science Center will replace Combs and will be handicapped accessible. Combs will be made accessible at a future date.

This summer, the college plans to an elevator in Goolrick for handicapped students. The college also plans to build a wheelchair ramp on the fountain side of Virginia Hall over the summer as well.

Chris Stewar, Senate vice-president, informed Senate that the Student Government Association is planning a barbecue for all students on the last Friday of classes.

Kate Lulfs, president of Senate, said SGA is planning a yard sale at the fountain on April 20. Students should call the SGA office to reserve a table to sell their items.

Lulfs then passed on information to Senate from Academic Affairs Chair David Wrubel. According to Wrubel, the faculty is considering changing the definition of the grade C from its current meaning,

"average," to "meets the minimum expectations."

Wrubel also said the faculty is discussing using a plus/minus grading system.

Lulfs then reported that the Executive Cabinet had passed a resolution to create a student defender contact person. Five or six people would be trained for the position and would be considered part of the Honor Council. The Honor Council and the Judicial Review Board would train the contact persons together.

Wes Heuvel made a motion to Senate that the emergency exit chain at the William Street parking lot be removed for easier street access. The motion passed.

Eric Gaffen then made a motion that the Welfare Committee investigate the possibility of maintaining a fax machine for student use for free or at a reduced price.

# News Briefs

### CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.

On March 28-April 7 "The Taming of the Shrew" by William Shakespeare will be held in duPont Hall in Klein Theater; March 28-30 and April 4-6 at 8 p.m., March 31 and April 7 at 2 p.m. General admission is \$4, \$2 senior citizens.

On Thursday, April 4 a lecture, "Daughters of the Bloodsuckers," by John V. Fleming, Fairchild professor of English at Princeton University will be held in Woodard Campus Center, Red Room at 7:30 p.m. A reception will follow the lecture.

On Monday, April 8 the "Fredericksburg Forum," featuring Helen Thomas, David Gergen, John Kenneth Galbraith and Judy Muller, will be held in Dodd Auditorium, GW Hall at 8 p.m.

On Wednesday April 10 playwright Stephen Belber will perform in Lee Hall Ballroom at 8 p.m. His show is entitled an "Evening of Performance Art." The event is sponsored by MWC Poetry/Fiction Club.

April 10 through April 24 there

will be the Annual Student Art Show in duPont Gallery. The exhibition will be held every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Through June 2 a collection of ink drawings from the 1950's by artist Margaret Sutton will be on view in the Ridderhoff Martin Gallery of Mary Washington College. The Ridderhoff Martin Gallery is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m.

### Misc.

The Financial Aid office announces the Mary Siegrist Hinz Leadership Award and the Jeannine Mary Pfeifle Memorial Scholarship. The deadline for both scholarships is April 5. Any questions should be directed to Martin A. Wilder, Jr., Vice President for Admissions and Financial Aid, Lee 201, Ext. 2000.

Student Government Association will provide the first Student Course Guide, strictly by and for students, next fall. The Student Course Guide is a collection of objective descriptions of sections of classes offered by all departments. The description of each class will be 1-2 paragraphs of text describing the teaching style, grading techniques, and what aspects of the section

reported on might appeal to the student. Student Government requests students to write-up descriptions of their classes on the Student Course Guide Forms available outside the student info desk in the Woodard Campus Center.

VIVA, a joint library project of all publicly supported universities and colleges, now offers the Expanded Academic Index. The Expanded Academic Index is a full-text database of 530 journals, with citations from 1,150 additional titles. Access is obtained through the World Wide Web at <http://www.viva.lib.va.us/collect/serials.html> and through MWC's home page.

April 1-5 is Disability Awareness Week. Events sponsored by SUCCESS, MWC Student Organization, and the Office of Disability Services are planned throughout the week.

"Clean Your Plate," a new program sponsored by the Dining Hall Committee and COAR, has been established to reduce the amount of waste produced in Seacobeck, while also helping local charities. For each pound of waste that the student body cuts back, 20 cents will be donated to a local charity.

# Corrections

In the March 28 issue of the Bulletin Leanne Sullivan was incorrectly identified in a front page photo.

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that the decision was up to the local Registrar.

Lamb approached Hart for assistance when she decided to re-register in Fredericksburg. He accompanied her to register and helped her appeal after she was denied.

According to Sullivan, who was not present in court, she was not aware that Lamb had appealed her denial until the day of the hearing.

In court, during her appeal, Lamb stated the reasons why she feels she has the right to register to vote in Fredericksburg.

Lamb stated that she has spent a total of 85 days in Warwick since entering MWC on Aug. 17, 1994, and now her family is moving to Missouri. As an out-of-state student, Lamb pointed out that tuition is not determined by voting status, but tax history, which is in New York. She also stressed her involvement with the Fredericksburg community through volunteer work, including the Rappahannock Council on Domestic Violence, and her on-and-off-campus jobs.

Charles Sharp, the Commonwealth's attorney, who is required to defend the Registrar's decision, argued that there was insufficient evidence to establish Lamb's domicile in Fredericksburg. Sharp pointed out that Lamb's current voter registration was still in New York, her driver's license had her New York address, and she has never paid Virginia taxes or lived off-campus.

"There's no question that the young lady liked the area, but no action had been taken to establish domicile," Sharp said after the trial in a phone interview.

"It's important to remember that just because you're a student doesn't mean you'll be denied the right to vote. It's a question of establishing domicile," Sharp said.

In court, Sharps cited a case, *Kegley vs. Johnson*, 1966, in which a college student appealed their denial to register to vote in Charlottesville. This case, which went to the Supreme

Court of Virginia, decided that when a person's right to register to vote is denied, that person must meet the domicile requirement and state their intention of registering to vote in this locality.

This is the second time that voter registration has been an issue at Mary Washington College. Four years ago, Heather Jacobs, the '92-'93 legislative action committee chairperson (LAC), registered over 130 students in Fredericksburg during freshman orientation. Jacobs was deputized as a registrar by Sullivan, after taking a class with her.

Jacobs, who had already registered in Fredericksburg, worked with Sullivan to register the students.

Registering students to vote became an issue in student government in the fall of '92 because of the presidential election, and issues in local government, according to Jacobs. City Council was voting to take away college commuter parking on the residential side of College Avenue. Jacobs felt that registering students to vote in Fredericksburg would give them a voice on issues that affect them.

"We can't change anything unless we can hold them (City Council) accountable. The only way is to register to vote in Fredericksburg," Jacobs said.

According to Jacobs, shortly after that registration day, the state board of elections held a Registrar's meeting, and from that point on Sullivan denied MWC students trying to register in Fredericksburg. Jacobs attempted to set up another registration day in late Sept., however tensions only worsened, Jacobs said.

Several students did succeed in registering in Fredericksburg, by going to the Registrar's office in groups of two or three, accompanied by Jacobs and a lawyer, Jacobs said. After the election, the issue died down a little, according to Jacobs. The following year, Jacobs wasn't re-elected, then took a semester off. The '93-'94 LAC chairperson, Len Ornstien, did not pursue the issue.

However, as LAC chairperson

last year, Hart picked up the issue where Jacobs left off.

"I believe that if we have a young person who wants to vote who wants to participate in our society, it's our obligation to give them the opportunity to the best of our ability. If that means that they need to vote in their college town because that is where they're home, then I think it's necessary to do that," Hart said, who is not registered to vote in Fredericksburg.

When Judge William G. Ledbetter, Jr. voted to uphold the Registrar's decision, he praised Lamb for her articulate argument.

"I respect your position, but my hands are tied (because of the law). I do think that's sad," Ledbetter said in court.

Hart expected the appeal to be denied.

"Everyone I talked to said we were going to lose," Hart said.

Lamb thought the hearing went well.

"Even though the judge denied me it was worth trying because no one had," Lamb said.

Lamb will not pursue registering to vote in Fredericksburg any further. The next step would be to appeal the judge's decision to the Supreme Court of Virginia.

Hart will continue to encourage students to pursue voter registration in Fredericksburg; however, his term ends this month.

Alison Chelbus, the LAC chairperson for the '96-'97 school year, will pursue registering people to vote in Fredericksburg if students approach her. She plans to make general voter registration a top priority next year.

"I support it. It's a big issue here at the college and we want to keep following up with it if we can," Chelbus said.

"I didn't do this to be political. I didn't do this to cause problems. I just did it because I wanted to vote and I didn't realize that it was this complicated, and I don't think it should be this complicated," Lamb said.



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# OPINIONS

## Plus Or Minus?

A new plus-and-minus grading system is presently being discussed by the faculty. It seems that the present system just isn't specific enough. Well, guys and gals, don't do it. Just say no. The plus/minus system will end up hurting students more in the end than anything. How many people that get an 'A' actually get more than a 91-92% for the semester? With the plus/minus system in place, the 91 or 92% grade will be an A-, not an A.

A minus sign is inherently negative and could have psychological repercussions. At a quick glance, a B+ is better (subconsciously) than an A-, actually a better grade. A lesser student, say one who earns several grades of C+ will have higher self-esteem than a more conscientious student who will go the extra mile to get that B- only to have his or her self-image shattered by all the negativity that surrounds the minus sign.

The plus/minus system won't make much of a difference anyway. Instead of worrying about getting an A, we'll just have to worry about getting an A+, which is going to be even harder. Who cares about the system, we're still going to have to deal with receiving marks.

Another change that the administration is considering to make is to label a grade of C as a mark that "meets the minimum requirements." Supposedly this is a positive phrase. The idea is to allow professors to assign a grade of C without feeling guilty about it. Hello? Why are we making things easier for the professors? How about making it a little easier for the students? Grade inflation is a farce anyway. How many people do you know who are happy with their grades?

As an institution that is home to a few thousand young, impressionable minds, it is important for us to nurture the mind itself, and that includes self-esteem. If we are all sent out into the world with our tails between our legs, we may as well have clipped wings and leaden boots, because we will be going nowhere fast. And while we've got the leaden boots on, just go ahead and toss us in a river and get it all over with.

Yes, friends in the faculty, you must consider the psychological consequences before you decide to implement the plus/minus grading system. Think of the children. The children.

## What's the Big Rush?

They have finally broken ground for the Jepson Science Building. After a long and arduous wait, this new place finally seems like a reality. Just one question pops into mind. Since the construction has already been delayed, why is it so urgent that they had to start digging up stuff just one month before the end of the school year?

Think about the negative aspects that come with the process of building Jepson. Dozens of trees are being torn down, which of course brings a tear to everyone's eye. Commuter parking spaces are being taken away and it isn't as if we have a cornucopia of spaces. Not to mention that construction isn't exactly the quietest activity, which is always a bother during the wee hours of the morning.

They've put it off this long, what's the big rush now? All of a sudden we care about deadlines? It's obviously not going to be done on time, so at least put it off for another month and let us enjoy our trees and parking spaces.

## Student Defines Feminist Movement

By Nedra Stuckey  
Guest Columnist

Welcome to Women's History Month. It's that time of year when we reserve for a crash-course in the few significant contributions that women have made to history (if any). We defend our right to open our own doors, support banning abortion in the name of feminism, and discuss how woman can make the transition to feminist thinking easier for men. Right?

So I've been told- I read the Polemic and the Free Press, which in their latest issues have both featured articles on feminism and women's issues in honor of Women's History Month. Both authors covered several points within their theme, and neither made any attempt to present anything but dubious opinions. What I haven't found in any of the MWC community's press is an article written in support and praise of the feminist. I grew weary of reading belligerent articles, telling me how women should amend feminism so it wouldn't be so gosh-darn inconvenient for men. I wanted to hear an informed perspective, one that would uphold the standards of

feminism and celebrate how far we've come.

The feminist movement isn't about radical, in-your-face guerrilla tactics. It's not about hating men. (In fact, many men actually consider themselves feminists.) It doesn't mean you can't hold doors open anymore, or that women won't stay home to raise children. It's not the passing whim of a few too-idealistic college kids.

The feminist movement is about recognition. This means that we must realize that we will never know many of the significant contributions to history that were made (or could have been made) by women, for several reasons. Women were consistently denied the education and opportunities that were afforded men, and so weren't as equipped to produce. One of the founding premises of feminism was to demand that women have the chances that men have. Women's History Month is a way to acknowledge the known contributions

of the female pioneers throughout history.

The feminist movement is about change. Women have been forced to adapt to whatever societal constraints were placed on them by men, and feminism began as a way to unite and teach in order to implement these changes. Today's feminists theoretically don't have to fight the same battles their predecessors fought thirty years ago, but the struggle is far from over.

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Today's single woman can easily rent an apartment without the property manager wondering how she'll make the rent if she's single (and if she can make the rent, wondering if she's a prostitute). But in today's working world, that same woman makes on average only 72 cents for every one dollar a man makes. So the immediate focus of feminism may have shifted, but feminists still strive to raise society's consciousness concerning the equal treatment of

women.

Many significant changes have taken place, like single-sex universities going co-ed and sexual harassment not being tolerated in the workplace. But women still must be vigilant- we must fight for our lost 28 cents. Among other things, we must protest the label of "bitch" that goes along with any aggressive businesswoman (while aggressive businessmen are rewarded with success), and the fact that haircuts and dry cleaning can still cost more for women than for men (when the services performed are identical).

The feminist movement is about choice. Historically, women have had pre-determined lives, beginning with a childhood that almost immediately segues into marriage and children. Women were shifted from the care and protection of their fathers to that of their husbands, and were taught that they were unable to survive without men. They had no function if they had no man, and their status was determined by their husbands' places in the social, political or economic hierarchy.

Feminism asked women why they were allowing themselves to be the

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## MWC Russian Program Must Remain

By Donald N. Rallis  
Guest Columnist

I am writing you to express my deep concern that Mary Washington College is currently considering the termination of the Russian program. I believe that a decision to end this program would be unwise, counter-productive, and would diminish the college's ability to fulfill its mission as a top-quality liberal arts college. I am particularly concerned that the elimination of Russian would seriously diminish the college's commitment it has made to the globalization of the curriculum and the strengthening of our international programs.

Foreign languages lie at the heart of a liberal arts education. Languages provide the glue which holds together the disparate subjects of history, political science, international relations, geography, the arts, and economics, and which allows students to appreciate all of these disciplines in an international context. Without an understanding of foreign languages, students cannot fully appreciate and understand foreign cultures, and therefore cannot adequately comprehend their own country and its role in the world.

In a liberal arts college like ours, the study of any language is intricately linked to the many other components of a student's education, and the research and teaching undertaken by its faculty are part of the intellectual fiber of the institution. Russian is not a minor and dispensable part of our foreign language curriculum. It is a crucial component of the college's offerings on Russia, which also include Russian history, Russian politics and international relations, and Russian geography. Moreover, the Russian program itself includes not only Russian language study, but also courses on Russian culture and Russian literature in translation. Eliminating our Russian program does not simply narrow the scope of the Department of Modern Foreign Languages; it profoundly undermines our long-standing interdisciplinary commitment to the study and understanding of a major world power.

Russia is the largest country in the world in terms of its area, and

has one of the largest populations. It is a nuclear power, a rising economic power, and is becoming increasingly important to the United States as a political and trading partner. If our students are to understand the world of the twenty-first century, they need to have the opportunity to understand Russian culture and language.

As the Board of Visitors considers the proposal to eliminate the Russian program, they need to consider what message such a step would send to our students. It would tell them that Mary Washington College focuses narrowly on the study of foreign languages of Western European countries and some of their former colonies. It would suggest that foreign cultures and languages are only worthy of study if they are the languages of and cultures of the enemies of the United States, or of the ancestors of majority groups in our society.

Dispensing with the Russian program would cast serious and further doubt on the college's declared commitment to the globalization of the curriculum and the strengthening of our international programs. Two years ago, the college could boast of full time Office of International Programs, and an overall International Programs budget in excess of \$90,000 a year. Today we have an Office of International Programs which operates part-time for nine months of the year, the Committee of International Programs has been eliminated, and one part-time salary is all that remains of the budget dedicated specifically to furthering the college's globalization mission. The elimination of the Russian program would be yet

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## Letters to the Editor

### Think Before You Litter The Campus

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# POLICE BEAT

By Chevvone Bray  
Bulletin Staff Writer

## DUI/DIP

On March 29 Charles Sweigart of Fredericksburg was charged for DUI at Route 1 and the Fredericksburg Shopping Center.

On March 29 Michael Kelly, a resident of California, was charged for DUI at William St and Monroe St.

## LARCENY

On March 27 a warrant was obtained for sophomore Michael McMahon due to an attempt to steal a bike from in front of Brent House.

On March 28 a computer

cartridge was stolen from the Eagles Nest.

On April 1 a black bike seat was stolen from the bike rack outside of Alvey Hall. The seat is valued at \$45.

On April 1 an Allen wrench was stolen from New Hall. It was valued at \$5.

On April 1 a mountain bike valued at \$350 was stolen from New Hall.

On April 1 a student in New Hall reported the theft of some clothing from the person's room. The clothing is valued at \$335.

On April 2 a juvenile attempted to steal two books valued at \$50 each from the Simpson Library. The 16-year-old was referred to Juvenile Intake.

## INJURY/ILLNESS

On March 30 a student had trouble breathing in Chandler Hall. The student was transported to the emergency room by the rescue squad.

## VANDALISM

On March 29 in Russell Hall room 214 was vandalized. There was no report of permanent damage.

## MISC.

On March 27 there was a report of a hit and run of a state vehicle in the back parking lot of the Physical Plant.

On March 30 the fire alarm in Mercer Hall went off due to the discharge of a fire extinguisher.

# SENATE BEAT

By Beth McConnell  
Bulletin News Editor

Following up on controversy surrounding the lack of handicapped accessible dorms, Safety Committee Chair Jim Terrill informed Senate that the college is not required to make all dorms accessible. Terrill said that according to Vice-President of Business and Finance Dick Miller, the federal American with Disabilities Act requires the college to make accessible one upperclass coed dorm, one freshman coed dorm, one freshman all-female dorm and one upperclass all-female dorm.

Terrill also said that Miller informed him that two academic buildings, Combs and Goodrick Halls, are currently not accessible. The new Jepson

Science Center will replace Combs and will be handicapped accessible. Combs will be made accessible at a future date.

This summer, the college plans to an elevator in Goodrick for handicapped students. The college also plans to build a wheelchair ramp on the fountain side of Virginia Hall over the summer as well.

Chris Stewars, Senate vice-president, informed Senate that the Student Government Association is planning a barbecue for all students on the last Friday of classes.

Kate Lulfs, president of Senate, said SGA is planning a yardsale at the fountain on April 20. Students should call the SGA office to reserve a table to sell their items.

Lulfs then passed on information to Senate from Academic Affairs Chair David Wrubel. According to Wrubel, the faculty is considering changing the definition of the grade C from its current meaning,

"average," to "meets the minimum expectations."

Wrubel also said the faculty is discussing using a plus/minus grading system.

Lulfs then reported that the Executive Cabinet had passed a resolution to create a student defender contact person. Five or six people would be trained for the position and would be considered part of the Honor Council. The Honor Council and the Judicial Review Board would train the contact persons together.

Wes Heuvel made a motion to Senate that the emergency exit chain at the William Street parking lot be removed for easier street access. The motion passed.

Eric Gaffen then made a motion that the Welfare Committee investigate the possibility of maintaining a fax machine for student use for free or at a reduced price.

# News Briefs

## CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.

On March 28-April 7 "The Taming of the Shrew" by William Shakespeare will be held in duPont Hall in Klein Theater; March 28-30 and April 4-6 at 8 p.m., March 31 and April 7 at 2 p.m. General admission is \$4, \$2 senior citizens.

On Thursday, April 4 a lecture, "Daughters of the Bloodsuckers," by John V. Fleming, Fairchild professor of English at Princeton University will be held in Woodard Campus Center, Red Room at 7:30 p.m. A reception will follow the lecture.

On Monday, April 8 the "Fredericksburg Forum," featuring Helen Thomas, David Gergen, John Kenneth Galbraith and Judy Muller, will be held in Dodd Auditorium, GW Hall at 8 p.m.

On Wednesday April 10 playwright Stephen Belber will perform in Lee Hall Ballroom at 8 p.m. His show is entitled an "Evening of Performance Art." The event is sponsored by MWC Poetry/Fiction Club.

April 10 through April 24 there

will be the the Annual Student Art Show in duPont Gallery. The exhibition will be held every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Through June 2 a collection of ink drawings from the 1950's by artist Margaret Sutton will be on view in the Ridderhoff Martin Gallery of Mary Washington College. The Ridderhoff Martin Gallery is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m.

## Misc.

The Financial Aid Office announces the Mary Siegrist Hinz Leadership Award and the Jeannine Mary Pfeifle Memorial Scholarship. The deadline for both scholarships is April 5. Any questions should be directed to Martin A. Wilder, Jr., Vice President for Admissions and Financial Aid, Lee 201, Ext. 2000.

Student Government Association will provide the first Student Course Guide, strictly by and for students, next fall. The Student Course Guide is a collection of objective descriptions of sections of classes offered by all departments. The description of each class will be 1-2 paragraphs of text describing the teaching style, grading techniques, and what aspects of the section

reported on might appeal to the student. Student Government requests students to write-up descriptions of their classes on the Student Course Guide Forms available outside the student info desk in the Woodard Campus Center.

VIVA, a joint library project of all publicly supported universities and colleges, now offers the Expanded Academic Index. The Expanded Academic Index is a full-text database of 530 journals, with citations from 1,150 additional titles. Access is obtained through the World Wide Web at <http://www.viva.lib.vaua/collect/serials.html> and through MWC's home page.

April 1-5 is Disability Awareness Week. Events sponsored by SUCCESS, MWC Student Organization, and the Office of Disability Services are planned throughout the week.

"Clean Your Plate," a new program sponsored by the Dining Hall Committee and COAR, has been established to reduce the amount of waste produced in Seacobeck, while also helping local charities. For each pound of waste that the student body cuts back, 20 cents will be donated to a local charity.

# Corrections

In the March 28 issue of the Bulletin Leanne Sullivan was incorrectly identified in a front page photo.

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that the decision was up to the local Registrar.

Lamb approached Hart for assistance when he decided to re-register in Fredericksburg. He accompanied her to register and helped her appeal after she was denied.

According to Sullivan, who was not present in court, she was not aware that Lamb had appealed her denial until the day of the hearing.

In court, during her appeal, Lamb stated the reasons why she feels she has the right to register to vote in Fredericksburg.

Lamb stated that she has spent a total of 85 days in Warwick since entering MWC on Aug. 17, 1994, and now her family is moving to Missouri. As an out-of-state student, Lamb pointed out that tuition is not determined by voting status, but tax history, which is in New York. She also stressed her involvement with the Fredericksburg community through volunteer work, including the Rappahannock Council on Domestic Violence, and her on-and-off-campus jobs.

Charles Sharp, the Commonwealth's attorney, who is required to defend the Registrar's decision, argued that there was insufficient evidence to establish Lamb's domicile in Fredericksburg.

Sharp pointed out that Lamb's current voter registration was still in New York, her driver's license had her New York address, and she has never paid Virginia taxes or lived off-campus.

"There's no question that the young lady liked the area, but no action had been taken to establish domicile," Sharp said after the trial in a phone interview.

"It's important to remember that just because you're a student doesn't mean you'll be denied the right to vote. It's a question of establishing domicile," Sharp said.

In court, Sharps cited a case, Klegley vs. Johnson, 1966, in which a college student appealed their denial to register to vote in Charlottesville. This case, which went to the Supreme

Court of Virginia, decided that when a person's right to register to vote is denied, that person must meet the domicile requirement and state their intention of registering to vote in this locality.

This is the second time that voter registration has been an issue at Mary Washington College. Four years ago, Heather Jacobs, the '92-'93 legislative action committee chairperson (LAC), registered over 130 students in Fredericksburg during freshman orientation. Jacobs was deputized as a registrar by Sullivan, after taking a class with her.

Jacobs, who had already registered in Fredericksburg, worked with Sullivan to register the students.

Registering students to vote became an issue in student government in the fall of '92 because of the presidential election, and issues in local government, according to Jacobs. City Council was voting to take away college commuter parking on the residential side of College Avenue. Jacobs felt that registering students to vote in Fredericksburg would give them a voice on issues that effect them.

"We can't change anything unless we can hold them (City Council) accountable. The only way is to register to vote in Fredericksburg," Jacobs said.

According to Jacobs, shortly after that registration day, the state board of elections held a Registrar's meeting, and from that point on Sullivan denied MWC students trying to register in Fredericksburg. Jacobs attempted to set up another registration day in late Sept., however tensions only worsened, Jacobs said.

Several students did succeed in registering in Fredericksburg, by going to the Registrar's office in groups of two or three, accompanied by Jacobs and a lawyer, Jacobs said.

After the election, the issue died down a little, according to Jacobs. The following year, Jacobs wasn't re-elected, then took a semester off. The '93-'94 LAC chairperson, Len OrNSTein, did not pursue the issue.

However, as LAC chairperson

last year, Hart picked up the issue where Jacobs left off.

"I believe that if we have a young person who wants to vote—who wants to participate in our society, it's our obligation to give them the opportunity to the best of our ability. If that means that they need to vote in their college town because that is where they're home, then I think it's necessary to do that," Hart said, who is not registered to vote in Fredericksburg.

When Judge William G. Ledbetter, Jr. voted to uphold the Registrar's decision, he praised Lamb for her articulate argument.

"I respect your position, but my hands are tied (because of the law). I do think that's sad," Ledbetter said in court.

Hart expected the appeal to be denied.

"Everyone I talked to said we were going to lose," Hart said.

Lamb thought the hearing went well.

"Even though the judge denied me it was worth trying because no one had," Lamb said.

Lamb will not pursue registering to vote in Fredericksburg any further. The next step would be to appeal the judge's decision to the Supreme Court of Virginia.

Hart will continue to encourage students to pursue voter registration in Fredericksburg; however, his term ends this month.

Alison Chelbus, the LAC chairperson for the '96-'97 school year, will pursue registering people to vote in Fredericksburg if students approach her. She plans to make general voter registration a top priority next year.

"I support it. It's a big issue here at the college and we want to keep following up with it if we can," Chelbus said.

"I didn't do this to be political. I didn't do this to cause problems. I just did it because I wanted to vote and I didn't realize that it was this complicated, and I don't think it should be this complicated," Lamb said.



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# OPINIONS

## Plus Or Minus?

A new plus-and-minus grading system is presently being discussed by the faculty. It seems that the present system just isn't specific enough. Well, guys and gals, don't do it. Just say no. The plus/minus system will end up hurting students more in the end than anything. How many people that get an 'A' actually get more than a 91-92% for the semester? With the plus/minus system in place, the 91 or 92% grade will be an A-, not an A.

A minus sign is inherently negative and could have psychological repercussions. At a quick glance, a B+ is better (subconsciously) than an A-, actually a better grade. A lesser student, say one who earns several grades of C+ will have higher self-esteem than a more conscientious student who will go the extra mile to get that B- only to have his or her self-image shattered by all the negativity that surrounds the minus sign.

The plus/minus system won't make much of a difference anyway. Instead of worrying about getting an A, we'll just have to worry about getting an A+, which is going to be even harder. Who cares about the system, we're still going to have to deal with receiving marks.

Another change that the administration is considering to make is to label a grade of C as a mark that "meets the minimum requirements." Supposedly this is a positive phrase. The idea is to allow professors to assign a grade of C without feeling guilty about it. Hello? Why are we making things easier for the professors? How about making it a little easier for the students? Grade inflation is a farce anyway. How many people do you know who are happy with their grades?

As an institution that is home to a few thousand young, impressionable minds, it is important for us to nurture the mind itself, and that includes self-esteem. If we are all sent out into the world with our tails between our legs, we may as well have clipped wings and leaden boots, because we will be going nowhere fast. And while we've got the leaden boots on, just go ahead and toss us in a river and get it all over with.

Yes, friends in the faculty, you must consider the psychological consequences before you decide to implement the plus/minus grading system. Think of the children. *The children.*

## What's the Big Rush?

They have finally broken ground for the Jepson Science Building. After a long and arduous wait, this new place finally seems like a reality. Just one question pops into mind. Since the construction has already been delayed, why is it so urgent that they had to start digging up stuff just one month before the end of the school year?

Think about the negative aspects that come with the process of building Jepson. Dozens of trees are being torn down, which of course brings a tear to everyone's eye. Commuter parking spaces are being taken away and it isn't as if we have a cornucopia of spaces. Not to mention that construction isn't exactly the quietest activity, which is always a bother during the wee hours of the morning.

They've put it off this long, what's the big rush now? All of a sudden we care about deadlines? It's obviously not going to be done on time, so at least put it off for another month and let us enjoy our trees and parking spaces.

## Student Defines Feminist Movement

By Nedra Stuckey  
Guest Columnist

Welcome to Women's History Month. It's that time of year when we reserve for a crash-course in the few significant contributions that women have made to history (if any). We defend our right to open our own doors, support banning abortion in the name of feminism, and discuss how women can make the transition to feminist thinking easier for men. Right?

So I've been told. I read the Polemic and the Free Press, which in their latest issues have both featured articles on feminism and women's issues in honor of Women's History Month. Both authors covered several points within their theme, and neither made any attempt to present anything but dubious opinions. What I haven't found in any of the MWC community's press is an article written in support and praise of the feminist. I grew weary of reading belligerent articles, telling me how women should amend feminism so it wouldn't be so gosh-darn inconvenient for men. I wanted to hear an informed perspective, one that would uphold the standards of

feminism and celebrate how far we've come.

The feminist movement isn't about radical, in-your-face guerrilla tactics. It's not about hating men. (In fact, many men actually consider themselves feminists.) It doesn't mean you can't hold doors open anymore, or that women won't stay home to raise children. It's not the passing whim of a few too-idealistic college kids.

The feminist movement is about recognition. This means that we will never know many of the significant contributions to history that were made (or could have been made) by women, for several reasons. Women were consistently denied the education and opportunities that were afforded men, and so weren't as equipped to produce. One of the founding premises of feminism was to demand that women have the same opportunities as men. Women's History Month is a way to acknowledge the known contributions

of the female pioneers throughout history.

The feminist movement is about change. Women have been forced to adapt to whatever societal constraints were placed on them by men, and feminism began as a way to unite and teach in order to implement these changes. Today's feminists theoretically don't have to fight the same battles their predecessors fought thirty years ago, but the struggle is far from over.

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Today's single woman can easily rent an apartment without the property manager wondering how she'll make the rent if she's single (and if she can make the rent, wondering if she's a prostitute). But in today's working world, that same woman makes on average only 72 cents for every one dollar a man makes. So the immediate focus of feminism may have shifted, but feminists still strive to raise society's consciousness concerning the equal treatment of

women.

Many significant changes have taken place, like single-sex universities going co-ed and sexual harassment not being tolerated in the workplace. But women still must be vigilant- we must fight for our lost 28 cents. Among other things, we must protest the label of "bitch" that goes along with any aggressive businesswoman (while aggressive businessmen are rewarded with success), and the fact that haircuts and dry cleaning can still cost more for women than for men (when the services performed are identical).

The feminist movement is about choice. Historically, women have had pre-determined lives, beginning with a childhood that almost immediately segues into marriage and children. Women were shifted from the care and protection of their fathers to that of their husbands, and were taught that they were unable to survive without men. They had no function if they had no man, and their status was determined by their husbands' places in the social, political or economic hierarchy.

Feminism asked women why they were allowing themselves to be the

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## MWC Russian Program Must Remain

By Donald N. Rallis  
Guest Columnist

I am writing you to express my deep concern that Mary Washington College is currently considering the termination of the Russian program. I believe that a decision to end this program would be unwise, counter-productive, and would diminish the college's ability to fulfill its mission as a top-quality liberal arts college. I am particularly concerned that the elimination of Russian would seriously diminish the college's commitment it has made to the globalization of the curriculum and the strengthening of our international programs.

Foreign languages lie at the heart of a liberal arts education. Languages provide the glue which holds together the disparate subjects of history, political science, international relations, geography, the arts, and economics, and which allows students to appreciate all of these disciplines in an international context. Without an understanding of foreign languages, students cannot fully appreciate and understand foreign cultures, and therefore cannot adequately comprehend their own country and its role in the world.

In a liberal arts college like ours, the study of any language is intricately linked to the many other components of a student's education, and the research and teaching undertaken by its faculty are part of the intellectual fiber of the institution. Russian is not a minor and dispensable part of our foreign language curriculum. It is a crucial component of the college's offerings on Russia, which also include Russian history, Russian politics and international relations, and Russian geography. Moreover, the Russian program itself includes not only Russian language study, but also courses on Russian culture and Russian literature in translation. Eliminating our Russian program does not simply narrow the scope of the Department of Modern Foreign Languages; it profoundly undermines our long-standing interdisciplinary commitment to the study and understanding of a major world power.

Russia is the largest country in the world in terms of its area, and

has one of the largest populations. It is a nuclear power, a rising economic power, and is becoming increasingly important to the United States as a political and trading partner. If our students are to understand the world of the twenty-first century, they need to have the opportunity to understand Russian culture and language.

As the Board of Visitors considers the proposal to eliminate the Russian program, they need to consider what message such a step would send to our students. It would tell them that Mary Washington

College focuses narrowly on the study of foreign languages of Western European countries and some of their former colonies. It would suggest that foreign cultures and languages are only worthy of study if they are the languages of and cultures of the enemies of the United States, or of the ancestors of majority groups in our society.

Dispensing with the Russian program would cast serious and further doubt on the college's declared commitment to the globalization of the curriculum and the strengthening of our international programs. Two years ago, the college could boast of full time Office of International Programs, and an overall International Programs budget in excess of \$90,000 a year. Today we have an Office of International Programs which operates part-time for nine months of the year, the Committee of International Programs has been eliminated, and one part-time salary is all that remains of the budget dedicated specifically to furthering the college's globalization commitment. The elimination of the Russian program would be yet

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"Women were getting together and getting mad and wanted to stop sexual assault," said Little.

These women in Fredericksburg included business women, therapists, and a college professor who all decided in 1985 to break away from the Fredericksburg Rape Crisis Center, which they felt was not adequately addressing the needs of victims. Instead they set up their own agency.

"They wanted people who were being assaulted to have a place to go to, to go through the legal, medical and emotional healing that's needed," says Little.

Some of the original members are still active on the governing board of RCASA. "They see how far they've come, from a closet in an insurance office," said Little. The all-volunteer board is currently composed of therapists, Commonwealth's attorneys and business people.

Little says the yearly budget has grown from \$21,000 to \$100,000, while the organization has gotten more complex every year. Today, RCASA runs a 24-hour hotline for victims of sexual assault and their friends and family. Callers range from victims who have recently experienced an attack to suicide calls to referrals to professionals who specialize in treating victims of sexual assault.

Singleton stars at a calendar, a computer print out on a sheet of green paper. She has filled the dated boxes with two or three different volunteers' names, with their home numbers listed on the back. These are the volunteers on call. No names are listed more than two or three times, since Singleton now has lots of volunteers to work with. Also, the job can tend to be draining.

She runs her silver-ringed fingers through her blonde hair. "I know it's not reality to make things better; you're doing the best you can do if you get them the information, let them know there are people to talk

to. We don't leave them alone," she says, sighing.

Volunteers are trained to help victims through the legal process of pressing charges against an attacker, as well as undergoing cross-examination. While the PERK can be painful and embarrassing, sometimes the questions that accompany the exam are just as humiliating. The victim will be questioned by a doctor, a nurse, the RCASA advocate and the police officers. Singleton says that sometimes these questions are just too much for the victim to bear at the time.

The questions do seem intrusive. "The [victims] it sounds like, 'They're blaming me.' But I let them know the police must have all the details and evidence," Singleton says.

However, more often than not, clients don't want to go through the stress and pain of a court battle. Sometimes they give up halfway through the proceedings, deciding that too much has been enough. Singleton says these cases are some of the most disheartening ones.

"The most frustrating part of my job is when I see a client or talk with one that I know would benefit from the services we have to provide and then I don't talk to them ever again. Or to watch a client go through the court system and nothing happens, or there is nothing you can do to prosecute."

Singleton says she once went on three hospital calls in a 36 hour period, due in large part to being understaffed.

How do the victim advocates, as they are called, cope with all that anger, fear and grief? "People always ask me that," she says, laughing in a resigned kind of way. Dealing with so many hurting people may seem too difficult for most, but Singleton says she draws strength from the fact that she is helping other people.

"I've come down from the clouds and learned that, for victims, walking away happy [from the hospital or support group] is not a possibility for anyone. The work you do is as much as you can."

After each hospital visit, volunteers are required to call the volunteer therapist on call, explain what happened, and how they are feeling. Volunteers must also contact a staff member. "We always ask how they're feeling because they've got to go home and go to bed," says Singleton.

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## Presentation Brings Closure To Ring Week

By Kim Ranney  
Bulletin Staff Features Columnist

Now that Junior Ring Week is over, it's time for weary juniors to venture out of hiding, baste in their own bathrooms, instead of the fountain, and scrub Seacobeck's salad bar condiments out of their clothes.

And it's time to reflect. The week is about more than pranks and going to the "Mary Washington Prom," it is about a unique tradition that unifies the junior class. The ring ceremony, on Friday, March 29, gave rising seniors a chance to reflect on this rite of passage that is more than fifty years old at MWC.

Speakers at the ceremony mixed humor and sentimentality as an appropriate end to the junior's special week. President of the College William Anderson had the last laugh, as he reigned over the final pranks of the week by returning several "lost" items to their rightful owners. Items included a set of car keys belonging to Adrienne Davenport and Brooke Callet's favorite teddy bear, "Scotty Bear." He also invited David Worthington up on stage to receive kisses (Hershey's, that is) from the girls in Westmoreland Hall. Anderson then read several revealing love letters that he received from juniors (or at least the pranksters) this week. He returned a dorm room key to one junior who had "enclosed it in her love letter."

Mixed in with the humor in Anderson's speech, as well as Associate Professor of Psychology Christopher Kilmartin's and the class officers', was a constant reminder that these events were a coming-of-age and a beginning-of-the-end of the class of 1997's stay at MWC.

"The ring ceremony got a little sentimental. It was a closure to college and I'm not ready for that," said junior Leslie Houts.

Many juniors realized that the Ring Week events may be some of the strongest memories they hold from their years at college.

"Every time you glance down at the ring on your finger, you'll remember the memories from this week," said Michelle Trombetta, junior class president.

The week was a bonding

experience that brought the class together as a whole for the first time at MWC. It is the first of many events over the next year that celebrate the class on its way to graduation. It is the beginning of the end.

"It makes you feel like a part of a tradition, and a part of Mary Washington. You value the school more, and I never felt more of a part of the tradition than I did at ring ceremony," said junior Inga Fredland.

Students at MWC anticipate the events of Ring Week for two and a half years. Many await revenge for pranks they have played in the past as they are forced to deal with duct tape, flour, stolen underwear and naked pictures displayed all over campus. At the ceremony, Kilmartin broke from humor in his speech for a few minutes to address the negative, destructive pranks that friends play to show their "appreciation" for their junior friends. He asked that the class of 1997 be the first to be different, by finding creative, positive ways to acknowledge the junior class next year, instead of participating in the traditional destructive pranks. It is doubtful that his request will be carried out.

"I think it's all in good fun. It's a good way of bringing people together and showing school spirit," said junior Dawn Lindner. Trombetta noted that this tradition is special because at many other colleges and universities students simply receive their rings in the mail.

"This tradition has died out at many other schools, because they don't have anything that keeps them going to the ceremony. The pranks and the special attention the juniors receive brings them to the ceremony, where the week ends," she said.

When Cedric Rucker, associate dean of student activities, spoke at the ceremony, he asked for a moment of silence to reflect on diversity in response to a hate phone call that he received during Ring Week. He also mentioned that several Jewish students received New Testaments in the mail during Ring Week. He made no further comments during his speech. This is an unfortunate

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## MWC Debate Team Wins Their Way To National Tournament Final Performance of the Semester Successfully Concludes the Debate Season

By Sarak Ardestani  
Bulletin Staff Writer

For the fifth time in the past six years, Mary Washington College debaters qualified to compete in the National Debate Tournament (NDT) held March 28 - April 1.

The debate team earned this honor after two MWC teams finished among the top teams in a district qualifying tournament. Other schools that also finished among the top include Georgetown University, George Washington University, James Madison University and the University of Pittsburgh.

Senior Adam Lurie, and English major, and freshman Eric Grynavski made up the first team. The second team included juniors Jennifer Bowman, an English major, and Mary Sahami, an International Affairs major. Both teams competed along with 76 others from across the nation at Wake Forest University, for the 50th annual NDT.

The topic for this year's competition was whether or not the United States should increase security assistance to nations in the Middle East.

At the NDT, there were eight preliminary debates, having four debates on each side of the debate topic. The preliminary debate had a panel of three judges to evaluate the outcome of the debate and the ability of the debaters. Afterwards, the top teams advanced to the elimination bracket.

The MWC debate team with a total of three wins and five losses. Lurie and Grynavski placed 56th out of 76; Bowman and Sahami placed 59th.

"Just the fact we got there . . . is a testament



Photo Courtesy of College Relations

Associate Professor of Speech John Morello helped coach a successful season for the MWC debate team.

of our personal hard work," said Lurie.

Qualification for the event is representative of the successful seasons the two teams had. Lurie and Grynavski, according to John Morello, associate professor of speech and director of MWC's debate program, won 60 percent of all their debates this season. They finished second place at the George Mason University invitational tournament and were one of the top teams at the 39th US Naval Academy Invitational.

a greater ratio of coaches to debaters. This puts MWC at a disadvantage since Morello is the sole coach for MWC's 12 debate teams.

By comparison, George Mason university, which has fewer team members than MWC, has two faculty members and five graduate assistants to coach their debaters. These extra faculty offer extra personal attention and assistance with their research, which is an advantage not available at MWC.

Often at debate tournaments, the difference

in the number of coaches is evident between the schools.

"It's always fun when we go to the room where the debate is held . . . our opponent is over in one corner of the room with their two debaters . . . and their five or six coaches all huddled around giving them assistance . . . and then we walk in [and] its the two debaters than me," said Morello.

Lurie does not perceive this as being a setback for the team. He takes pride in being a debator regardless of the amount of coaching assistance that is available.

"It shows that most of us want to be here, because we have to do most of the work ourselves. We do it because we like it," said Lurie.

There are other differences between MWC and the competing schools at the NDT. "I think a lot of folks may not understand that MWC competes against other schools that have a lot of resources that we don't have," said Morello.

Both large and small schools compete against each other at the NDT, said Morello. Since MWC is a smaller school it is not able to provide certain

facilities that larger schools provide, including more funding, either full or partial scholarships and computerized data base services.

According to Morello, these incentives attract more experienced debaters thus providing a stronger debate team.

These disadvantages, however, did not prevent the two teams from qualifying to compete at the NDT.

"We work all year round to actually be competitive and qualify and go to something which is a big deal is nice. It's a good way to see it all pay off," said Bowman.

At the NDT Morello was pleased with the debaters' performance in the final.

"Given they are rather inexperienced, it was very good tournament for them. They represented the debate program well. Our goal was to be competitive and we were competitive," said Morello.

Bowman was also pleased with the team's final competition.

"It was a good experience. I think we did really well. All in all we beat the teams we should have beaten," said Bowman.

-John Morello  
Director of MWC's Debate Program

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example of how people can take advantage of the spirit of Ring Week to carry out hateful acts that have no place at MWC.

Trombetta chose to focus on the significance of the ring during her speech at the ceremony. She noted that people receive rings during many important events in their lives, such as high school, college and marriage. She said that these rings link together the different phases of a person's life. Trombetta then led the class in donning their new rings.

At the ceremony, Mortar Board members initiated the rising seniors that will take their places next year. Students must show strong leadership, scholarship and a dedication to service to be accepted to Mortar Board.

The Ring Dance on March 30 finally gave juniors the chance to blow off steam after the long week. Class Council chose an oriental theme, and by the end of the dance, juniors eased the clean-up by taking many of the decorations as souvenirs. A majority of those at the dance were happily obliterated after dining at restaurants such as Sophia Street Station, the Riverview, Old Town Steak and Seafood and Sakura Japanese Steakhouse. A deejay in the Great Hall and a jazz band in the Eagle's Nest provided a variety of music for dancing.

When asked to reflect on the events wrapping up Ring Week, junior Kirsten Franklin shouted, "Beer!", while waiting outside Monroe Hall for her class to begin. Junior Heather Masterton chimed in, "It was a blur!"

"I think [Ring Week's] a great experience, because not many other colleges do it. It's something that's unique to Mary Washington. I think getting a ring is a keepsake of my college career," said junior Melissa Schreiber.

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Over the past two years, Singleton has learned how to deal with hospital calls, suicidal clients and intense support group meetings for adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse. But she says the most difficult experience yet was working with a child survivor.

"I felt that I left that child with a lot of good skills to protect herself and deal with day-to-day problems," Singleton said.

Too many children never get the kind of help Singleton was able to give. Chris Sanders, the part-time administrative assistant, is well aware of that fact. Sanders says she is proud to be an adult survivor of childhood abuse. But for most of her life, she didn't have anything to feel proud about at all. She was unable to hold down a job and never left the house unless it was absolutely necessary. At age 39, she read an RCASA ad in the Free Lance-Star. "I thought, 'God, could that be what's wrong with me,'" Sanders said.

Sanders says she remembers that some time when she was between the ages of 5 and 7, her father first sexually molested her. He continued to molest her until she left the house at the age of 15. She never remembered the incidents until she was 21, when the memory came back during a heated argument with her father.

"He told me I had a great imagination. So I stuffed it back. He must be right, I must be imagining things. And I went another 20 years, just in denial. To make matters worse, my father was a high-profile colonel in the Air Force, so in my eyes he could do no wrong," Sanders speaks in a slow halting manner with long pauses between phrases, that makes her listeners wonder if she has mentally wandered away. Actually, she says she used to. Sanders says she removes her mind from painful situations, a survival skill she developed to deal with years of emotional pain and betrayal.

At the age of 14, Sanders was raped by her friend's brother. Like the time with her father before, Sanders says she froze. She said "No" very quietly and threatened to scream, but the boy told her there was no one to hear her. So Sanders gave up the fight, giving up what little

power and control she had left in her life as well.

Sanders stayed in denial for years, struggling with alcohol to help pound down the memories, using stimulants to keep her from "spacing out." She discovered RCASA two years ago, and for the first time in her life, she is working at a steady job.

She wants to let people like herself know that it is never too late to get help for what may have happened to them; in fact, she says, it is vital that they do get help. She chews her lips and twists a pearl ring on her left hand before she speaks.

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years and years I had been afraid to feel. Being numb, having low self-esteem is a hard habit to break. Through RCASA I learned it's O.K. to feel. Before, I didn't think I had the power. Now, I'm working on righteous anger," she says with a slight chuckle.

Newman says the earlier victims get help the better, although it is never too late. More and more younger clients are coming to RCASA, due mainly to a greater awareness of sexual assault issues and community education programs. "There are now almost equal numbers of 18-29 year-olds and 30-44 year-olds, which says they [the victims] are not carrying this [pain] around so long. They may not be convinced that it has affected them, but they're looking at their options," said Newman.

Leading support groups for women like Sanders, counseling children, organizing a volunteer staff—these are life experiences most MWC students won't go through in their lifetimes, much less in college. Singleton says she decided long ago to become involved in her community, and it irritates her when her peers complain about an issue and then sit back and do nothing. "They're saying 'There's nothing

I can do about it,' when the reality is they can help. They don't see beyond those iron gates. I'd like to tell them 'You don't know what you're missing out on. You live here now.'"

In Newman's office, where Singleton is relaxing, the phone rings again. She leans forward into the desk, staring at the phone. Sanders said she would answer any calls while Singleton took a break, but that doesn't stop Singleton's hand from gravitating towards the receiver.

The ringing stops. Singleton sinks back into the chair, bouncing a black-slipped foot up and down.

"The office is small and we're really close. Every day, there's four staff members and at least three volunteers at work, so it gets crowded. Sometimes we feel like we live together, but we don't get sick of each other," she says, smiling. She seems at home in Newman's office as she would in a friend's apartment, and the office is a very comforting place. Teddy bears line the shelves, number the days on the calendars, prop open the doors. News clippings about RCASA fundraisers and programs flutter from bulletin boards.

RCASA's clients readily take advantage of the supportive atmosphere. Many survivors come into the office on their lunch breaks or after work, just to visit. Staff members and volunteers chat with them, ask them to fold brochures, do clerical work,

or just let them read quietly. "This is their safe place. Sometimes survivors don't feel safe anywhere. It's nice to see them come in here and feel comfortable," Singleton says, looking around the office.

It's another day at RCASA. Newman and Littel are the only ones in their offices. Outside, a volunteer goes through files while a visitor inspects the brochure stands. Dry-erasable boards list the names of on-call volunteers ready at a moment's notice to reach out to a victim of a recent attack or to someone who just needs to talk. The phone rings. Newman picks up the receiver and speaks brightly.

"RCASA..."

-Kristen Littel  
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# SPREAKER POTLIGHT

Steve Belber will be  
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By Dana Birkholz  
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Steve Belber will be performing his one man show next Wednesday on April 10 in Lee Hall Ballroom at Mary Washington College at 8 p.m.

Belber, a performance artist and playwright, has performed in the big cities of New York and Washington D.C., and received critical acclaim in both places. He has also performed at many colleges and other cities.

He is currently the playwright-in-residence at

the Julliard School for the Performing Arts. Kevin Spacey, a recent Academy Award winner for his supporting role in the movie *Usual Suspect*, is a graduate of the school.

Belber's work has been described as dark and eclectic. His performances usually include social, family and cross-cultural issues.

The night will also include a performance by senior Nina Morrison. She is a Theatre major at MWC and the performance is a senior project.

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These facts are pretty impressive when you consider RCASA's shaky beginnings. Executive director Kristen Little says that ten years ago, a grassroots movement began in Fredericksburg and across the county.

"Women were getting together and getting mad and wanted to stop [sexual assault]," said Little.

These women in Fredericksburg included business women, therapists, and a college professor who all decided in 1985 to break away from the Fredericksburg Rape Crisis Center, which they felt was not adequately addressing the needs of victims. Instead they set up their own agency.

"They wanted people who were being assaulted to have a place to turn to, to go through the legal, medical and emotional healing that's needed," says Little.

Some of the original members are still active on the governing board of RCASA. "They see how far they've come, from a closet in an insurance office," said Little. The all-volunteer board is currently composed of therapists, Commonwealth's attorneys and business people.

Little says the yearly budget has grown from \$21,000 to \$100,000, while the organization has gotten more complex every year. Today, RCASA runs a 24-hour hotline for victims of sexual assault and their friends and family. Callers range from victims who have recently experienced an attack to suicide calls, to referrals to professional help, specialize in treating victims of sexual assault.

Singleton stars at a calendar, a computer print out on a sheet of green paper. She has filled the dated boxes with two or three different volunteers' names, with their home numbers listed on the back. "These are the volunteers on call. No names are listed more than two or three times, since Singleton now has lots of volunteers to work with. Also, the job can tend to be draining."

She runs her silver-ringed fingers through her blonde hair. "I know it's not really to make things better; you're doing the best you can do if you get them the information, let them know there are people to talk

to. We don't leave them alone," she says, sighing.

Volunteers are trained to help victims through the legal process of pressing charges against an attacker, as well as undergoing cross-examination. While the PERK can be painful and embarrassing, sometimes the questions that accompany the exam are just as humiliating. The victim will be questioned by a doctor, a nurse, the RCASA advocate and the police officers. Singleton says that sometimes these questions are just too hard for the victim to bear at the time.

"The questions do seem intrusive. To [the victims] it sounds like, 'They're blaming me.' But I let them know the police must have all the details and evidence," Singleton says.

However, more often than not, clients don't want to go through the stress and pain of a court battle. Sometimes they give up halfway through the proceedings, deciding that too much has been enough. Singleton says these cases are some of the most discouraging ones.

"The most frustrating part of my job is when I know a client or talk with one that I will benefit from the services we have to provide and then I don't talk to them ever again. Or to watch a client go through the court system and nothing happens, or there is nothing you can do to prosecute."

Singleton says she once went on three hospital calls in a 36 hour period, due in large part to being understaffed.

How do the victim advocates, as they are called, cope with all that anger, fear and grief? "People always ask me that," she says, laughing in a resigned kind of way. Dealing with so many hurting people may seem too difficult for most, but Singleton says she draws strength from the fact that she is helping other people.

"I've come down from the clouds and learned that, for victims, walking away happy [from the hospital or support group] is not a possibility for anyone. The work you do is as much as you can."

After each hospital visit, volunteers are required to call the volunteer therapist on call, explain what happened, and how they are feeling. Volunteers must also contact a staff member. "We always ask how they're feeling because they've got to go home and go to bed," says Singleton.

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## Presentation Brings Closure To Ring Week

By Kim Ranney  
Bulletin Staff Features Columnist

Now that Junior Ring Week is over, it's time for weary juniors to venture out of hiding, bathe in their own bathrooms, instead of the fountain, and scrub Seacobeck's salad bar condiments out of their clothes.

And it's time to reflect. The week is about more than pranks and going to the "Mary Washington Prom." It is about a unique tradition that unifies the junior class. The ring ceremony, on Friday, March 29, gave rising seniors a chance to reflect on this rite of passage that is more than fifty years old at MWC.

Speakers at the ceremony mixed humor and sentimentality as an appropriate end to the junior's special week. President of the College William Anderson had the last laugh, as he reigned over the final pranks of the week by returning several "lost" items to their rightful owners. Items included a set of car keys belonging to Adrienne Davenport and Brooke Catlett's favorite teddy bear, "Scotty Bear." He also invited David Worthington up on stage to receive kisses (Hershey, that is) from the girls in Westmoreland Hall. Anderson then read several revealing love letters that he received from juniors (or at least the pranksters) this week. He returned a dorm room key to one junior who had "enclosed it in her love letter."

Mixed in with the humor in Anderson's speech, as well as Associate Professor of Psychology Christopher Kilmarin's and the class officers', was a constant reminder that these events were a coming-of-age and a beginning-of-the-end of the class of 1997's stay at MWC.

"The ring ceremony got a little sentimental. It was a closure to college and I'm not ready for that," said junior Leslie Houts.

Many juniors realized that the Ring Week events may be some of the strongest memories they hold from their years at college.

"Every time you glance down at the ring on your finger, you'll remember the memories from this week," said Michelle Trombetta, junior class president.

The week was a bonding

experience that brought the class together as a whole for the first time at MWC. It is the first of many events over the next year that celebrate the class on its way to graduation. It is the beginning of the end.

"It makes you feel like a part of a tradition, and a part of Mary Washington. You value the school more, and I never felt more of a part of the tradition than I did at ring ceremony," said junior Inga Fredland.

Students at MWC anticipate the events of Ring Week for two and a half years. Many await revenge for pranks they have played in the past as they are forced to deal with duct tape, flour, stolen underwear and naked pictures displayed all over campus. At the ceremony, Kilmarin broke from humor in his speech for a few minutes to address the negative, destructive pranks that friends play to show their "appreciation" for their junior friends. He asked that the class of 1997 be the first to be different, by finding creative, positive ways to acknowledge the junior class next year, instead of participating in the traditional destructive pranks. It is doubtful that his request will be carried out.

"I think it's all in good fun. It's a good way of bringing people together and showing school spirit," said junior Dawn Lindner. Trombetta noted that this tradition is special because at many other colleges and universities students simply receive their rings in the mail.

"This tradition has died out at many other schools, because they don't have anything that keeps them going to the ceremony. The pranks and the special attention the juniors receive brings them to the ceremony, where the week ends," she said.

When Cedric Rucker, associate dean of student activities, spoke at the ceremony, he asked for a moment of silence to reflect on diversity in response to a hate phone call that he received during Ring Week. He also mentioned that several Jewish students received New Testaments in the mail during Ring Week. He made no further comments during his speech. This is an unfortunate

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## MWC Debate Team Wins Their Way To National Tournament Final Performance of the Semester Successfully Concludes the Debate Season

By Sarah Ardestani  
Bulletin Staff Writer

For the fifth time in the past six years, Mary Washington College debaters qualified to compete in the National Debate Tournament (NDT) held March 28 - April 1.

The debate team earned this honor after two MWC teams finished among the top teams in a district qualifying tournament. Other schools that also finished among the top include Georgetown University, George Washington University, James Madison University and the University of Pittsburgh.

Senior Adam Lurie, and English major, and freshman Eric Grynaviski made up the first team. The second team included juniors Jennifer Bowman, an English major, and Mary Sahami, an International Affairs major. Both teams competed along with 76 others from across the nation at Wake Forest University, for the 50th annual NDT.

The topic for this year's competition was whether or not the United States should increase security assistance to nations in the Middle East.

At the NDT, there were eight preliminary debates, having four debates on each side of the debate topic. The preliminary debate had a panel of three judges to evaluate the outcome of the debate and the ability of the debaters. Afterwards, the top teams advanced to the elimination bracket.

The MWC debate team with a total of three wins and five losses. Lurie and Grynaviski placed 56th out of 76; Bowman and Sahami placed 59th.

"Just the fact we got there . . . is a testament



Associate Professor of Speech John Morello helped coach a successful season for the MWC debate team.

of our personal hard work," said Lurie.

Qualification for the event is representative of the successful seasons the two teams had Lurie and Grynaviski, according to John Morello, associate professor of speech and director of MWC's debate program, won 60 percent of all their debates this season. They finished second place at the George Mason University invitational tournament and were one of the top teams at the 39th US Naval Academy Invitational.

Bowman and Sahami had similar successes, finishing top in a tournament at James Madison University and Bridgewater College, said Morello.

The research put into the debates demanded a great commitment on the part of the debaters, said Morello. A week before classes started last fall, the members of the debate team voluntarily came back to school to begin their debate research. After the research was completed, they polished off their arguments by competing against each other.

"[By competing against each other] we can know what other people will think of our arguments," said Grynaviski.

The opponents MWC face at tournaments often have a greater ratio of coaches to debaters. This puts MWC at a disadvantage since Morello is the sole coach for MWC's 12 debate teams.

By comparison, George Mason University, which has fewer team members but five graduate assistants to coach their debaters. These extra faculty offer extra personal attention and assistance with their research, which is an advantage not available at MWC.

Often at debate tournaments, the difference

in the number of coaches is evident between the schools.

"It's always fun when we go to the room where the debate is held. . . our opponent is over in one corner of the room with their two debaters. . . and their five or six coaches all huddled around giving them assistance. . . and then we walk in [and] it's the two debaters than me," said Morello.

Lurie does not perceive this as being a setback for the team. He takes pride in being a debater regardless of the amount of coaching assistance that is available.

"It shows that most of us want to be here, because we have to do most of the work ourselves. We do it because we like it," said Lurie.

There are other differences between MWC and the competing schools at the NDT.

"I think a lot of folks may not understand that MWC competes against other schools that have a lot of resources that we don't have," said Morello.

Both large and small schools compete against each other at the NDT, said Morello. Since MWC is a smaller school it is not able to provide certain

facilities that larger schools provide, including more funding, either full or partial scholarships and computerized data base services.

According to Morello, these incentives attract more experienced debaters thus providing a stronger debate team.

These disadvantages, however, did not prevent the two teams from qualifying to compete at the NDT.

"We work all year round to actually be competitive and qualify and go to something which is a big deal is nice. It's a good way to see it all pay off," said Bowman.

At the NDT Morello was pleased with the debaters' performance in the finish.

"Given they are rather inexperienced, it was a very good tournament for them. They represented the debate program well. Our goal was to be competitive and we were competitive," said Morello. Bowman was also pleased with the team's finish in their final competition.

"It was a good experience. All in all we beat the teams we should have beaten," said Bowman.

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—John Morello  
Director of MWC's Debate Program

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example of how people can take advantage of the spirit of Ring Week to carry out hateful acts that have no place at MWC.

Trombetta chose to focus on the significance of the ring during her speech at the ceremony. She noted that people receive rings during many important events in their lives, such as high school, college and marriage. She said that these rings link together the different phases of a person's life. Trombetta then led the class in donning their new rings.

At the ceremony, Mortar Board members initiated the rising seniors that will take their places next year. Students must show strong leadership, scholarship and a dedication to service to be accepted to Mortar Board.

The Ring Dance on March 30 finally gave juniors the chance to blow off steam after the long week. Class Council chose an oriental theme, and by the end of the dance, juniors eased the clean-up by taking many of the decorations as souvenirs. A majority of those at the dance were happily obliterated after dining at restaurants such as Sophia Street Station, the Riverview, Old Town Steak and Seafood and Sakura Japanese Steakhouse. A deejay in the Great Hall and a jazz band in the Eagle's Nest provided a variety of music for dancing.

When asked to reflect on the events wrapping up Ring Week, junior Kirsten Franklin shouted, "Beer!", while waiting outside Monroe Hall for her class to begin. Junior Heather Masterton chimed in, "It was a blur!"

"I think [Ring Week's] a great experience, because not many other colleges do it. It's something that's unique to Mary Washington. I think getting a ring is a keepsake of my college career," said junior Melissa Schreiber.

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Over the past two years, Singleton has learned how to deal with hospital calls, suicidal clients and intense support group meetings for adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse. But she says the most difficult experience yet was working with a child survivor.

"I felt that I left that child with a lot of good skills to protect herself and deal with day-to-day problems," Singleton said.

Too many children never get the kind of help Singleton was able to give. Chris Sanders, the part-time administrative assistant, is well aware of that fact. Sanders says she is proud to be an adult survivor of childhood abuse. But for most of her life, she didn't have anything to feel proud about at all. She was unable to hold down a job and never left the house unless it was absolutely necessary. At age 39, she read an RCASA ad in the Free Lance-Star. "I thought, 'God, could that be what's wrong with me,'" Sanders said.

Sanders says she remembers that some time when she was between the ages of 5 and 7, her father first sexually molested her. He continued to molest her until she left the house at the age of 15. She never remembered the incidents until she was 21, when the memory came back during a heated argument with her father.

"He told me I had a great imagination. So I stuffed it back. He must be right. I must be imagining things. And I went another 20 years, just in denial. To make matters worse, my father was a high-profile colonel in the Air Force, so in my eyes he could do no wrong." Sanders speaks in a slow halting manner with long pauses between phrases, that makes her listeners wonder if she has mentally wandered away. Actually, she says she used to. Sanders says she removes her mind from painful situations, a survival skill she developed to deal with years of emotional pain and betrayal.

At the age of 14, Sanders was raped by her friend's brother. Like the time with her father before, Sanders says she froze. She said "No" very quietly and threatened to scream, but the boy told her there was no one to hear her. So Sanders gave up the fight, giving up what little

power and control she had left in her life as well.

Sanders stayed in denial for years, struggling with alcohol to help pound down the memories, using stimulants to keep her from "spacing out." She discovered RCASA two years ago, and for the first time in her life, she is working at a steady job.

She wants to let people like herself know that it is never too late to get

help for what may have happened to them; in fact, she says, it is vital that they do get help. She chews her lips and twists a pearl ring on her left hand before she speaks.

"For years and years I had been afraid to feel. Being numb, having low self-esteem is a hard habit to break. Through RCASA I learned it's O.K. to feel. Before, I didn't think I had the power. Now, I'm working on righteous anger," she says with a slight chuckle.

Newman says the earlier victims get help the better, although it is never too late. More and more younger clients are coming to RCASA, due mainly to greater awareness of sexual assault issues and community education programs.

"There are now almost equal numbers of 18-29 year-olds and 30-44 year-olds, which says they [the victims] are not carrying this [pain] around so long. They may not be convinced that it has affected them, but they're looking at their options," said Newman.

Leading support groups for women like Sanders, counseling children, organizing a volunteer staff—these are life experiences most MWC students won't go through in their lifetimes, much less in college. Singleton says she decided long ago to become involved in her community, and it irritates her when her peers complain about an issue and then sit back and do nothing.

"They're saying 'There's nothing

I can do about it,' when the reality is they can help. They don't see beyond those iron gates. I'd like to tell them 'You don't know what you're missing out on. You live here now.'"

In Newman's office, where Singleton is relaxing, the phone rings again. She leans forward into the desk, staring at the phone. Sanders said she would answer any calls while Singleton took a break, but that doesn't stop Singleton's hand from gravitating towards the receiver.

The ringing stops. Singleton sinks back into the chair, bouncing a black-slipped foot up and down.

"The office is small and we're really close. Every day, there's four staff members and at least three volunteers at work, so it gets crowded. Sometimes we feel like we live together, but we don't get sick of each other," she says, smiling. She seems as at home in Newman's office as she would in a friend's apartment, and the office is a very comforting place. Teddy bears line the shelves, number the days on the calendars, prop open the doors. News clippings about RCASA fund-raisers and programs flutter from bulletin boards.

RCASA's clients readily take advantage of the supportive atmosphere.

*"[The founders of RCASA] wanted people who were being assaulted to have a place to turn to, to go through the legal, medical and emotional healing that's needed."*

-Kristen Littel  
Executive Director of RCASA

or just let them read quietly.

"This is their safe place. Sometimes survivors don't feel safe anywhere. It's nice to see them come in here and feel comfortable," Singleton says, looking around the office.

It's another day at RCASA. Newman and Littel are the only ones in their offices. Outside, a volunteer goes through files while a visitor inspects the brochure stands. Dry-erase boards list the names of on-call volunteers ready at a moment's notice to reach out to a victim of a recent attack or to someone who just needs to talk. The phone rings. Newman picks up the receiver and speaks brightly.

"RCASA..."

# STREAKER POTLIGHT

Steve Belber will be performing in Lee Hall Ballroom April 10, 8 p.m.

By Dana Birkholz  
Bulletin Assistant Features Editor

Steve Belber will be performing his one man show next Wednesday on April 10 in Lee Hall Ballroom at Mary Washington College at 8 p.m.

Belber, a performance artist and playwright, has performed in the big cities of New York and Washington D.C., and received critical acclaim in both places. He has also performed at many colleges and other cities.

He is currently the playwright-in-residence at

the Julliard School for the Performing Arts. Kevin Spacey, a recent Academy Award winner for his supporting role in the movie *Usual Suspect*, is a graduate of the school.

Belber's work has been described as dark and eclectic. His performances usually include social, family and cross-cultural issues.

The night will also include a performance by senior Nina Morrison. She is a Theatre major at MWC and the performance is a senior project.

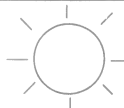
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## Sports Briefs

## Bullet Player of the Week

Junior leftfielder Jin Wong takes home the glorious title this week. Wong leads the team in several categories this season, including: batting (.491), runs scored (27), and stolen bases (25). His 25 steals tie him (temporarily) with ex-Eagle Steve Blankenship for the MWC school record for steals in a season. Other nominees this week included softball player Sara Goode, baseball player Donny Michael, men's tennis players Chris Wallace and Steve Gesheker, women's tennis players Kirsten Erickson and Leah Morris, and men's lax players Kyle Aldrich and Bryan Eckle.



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## School Records Fall at Battleground Relays

On March 29-30, the track and field team hosted the MWC Battleground Relays. The performance was highlighted by the record-breaking performances of freshman Mike Privett and the men's distance medley relay team.

Privett, who finished fifth in the discus competition, broke the school record with a throw of 131'1".

The men's distance relay team, which consists of senior Nate Plucker and juniors Jon Gates, Matt Paxton, and Justin Gerbereux, finished their event in 10:39.0. This time broke the existing school record, and earned them second place in the competition.

In addition to the school record, Gates, Gerbereux, and Plucker won other events in the competition.

In individual competition, Gates won the 10,000 meters, while Gerbereux and Plucker teamed up with senior Mike Owings and sophomore Matt Kauppi to win the 3,200 meter relay. In the same event, a second team from MWC, comprised of Paxton, sophomores Brian Gebhardt and Mike D'Ostilio, and freshman Steve Lamanna placed fifth.

Junior Myra Simpson once again paced the women's team, finishing first in the triple jump and the long jump, while placing fourth in the 100 meter hurdles.

The 3,200 meter relay team also had a strong showing, winning the event in a time of 10:16. This team, comprised of seniors Kristal Fogg and Allison Coleman, sophomore Caitlin Jenkins, and freshman Christina Stallings, narrowly beat out another MWC squad, who finished second in the event. Making up the second team were sophomores Caitlin McGurk and Heather Siderius, and freshmen Jennifer Fields and Amy Rohrbach.

The next track and field event to be held at the Battleground will be the CAC Championships, on April 20.

## Upcoming Events . . .

## Women's Lacrosse (6-2)

Apr. 6 at Trenton State College, 1 p.m.

Apr. 10 at Frostburg State University, 4 p.m.

## Women's Tennis (9-3)

Apr. 9 at Christopher Newport, 3:30 p.m.

## Men's Lacrosse (4-2)

Apr. 6 vs. Goucher College at the Battleground, 1 p.m.

Apr. 9 at Hampden-Sydney College, 4 p.m.

## Baseball (13-3)

Apr. 5 at Virginia Wesleyan Coll., 3 p.m.

Apr. 6 at Gallaudet U. (DH), 12:30 p.m.

Apr. 8 vs. N.C. Wesleyan College, 3 p.m.

Apr. 10 at Shenandoah University, 6:30 p.m.

## Men's Tennis (5-2)

Apr. 4 at Liberty University, 3 p.m.

Apr. 10 at Randolph-Macon College, 3 p.m.

## Softball (6-14)

Apr. 4 vs. Salisbury State University at the Battleground, 3 p.m.

Apr. 6 at N.C. Wesleyan College, 3 p.m.

Apr. 9 at Bridgewater College, 3 p.m.

## Track &amp; Field

Apr. 6 - Christopher Newport Captains' Classic (at Newport News, Va.)

## Riding

Apr. 6 - Regional Finals

at the University of Maryland

## Teter Leaves Behind a Legacy

Two-Sport Star Was an All-American in Both Soccer and Basketball

By Dave Carey  
Bulletin Staff Writer

What Stefanie Teter did over her four year athletic career at Mary Washington College will go unparalleled. Her career numbers are remarkable, the list of awards she's received go on and on, but it is something else that makes Stefanie Teter a special athlete.

Stefanie Teter is a competitor. "Stefanie's at her best when things are at their worst," said women's basketball coach Connie Gallahan. "There are a lot of players that can play, but when it gets down to crunch time, that's when it takes a real leader and a real competitor like Stefanie."

Teter, a two-sport standout at Mary Washington in basketball and soccer, had that special ability to lift her game when it counted the most. Whether it was scoring the winning goal, hitting the winning jump shot, or making a perfect feed to an open teammate, the senior always found a way to get it done.

"When we really needed the ball to win, Stef would always find a way," said Gallahan, who went 64-36 with Teter at the helm. "She'd come up with that steal when we had to have it."

In her senior year, the point guard not only led all of Division III in assists (8.5 per game), but she also led the Eagles in scoring (15.9 ppg.). Her career numbers have also put her in an elite class, as she became only the third player in Division III history to amass over 1,000 points and 600 assists for her career, 1,017 and 609 respectively.

Teter, who had her season averages in

points, rebounds, and assist climb in each of her four years, became the first basketball player in Mary Washington history to be named as an honorable mention All-American during her senior season.

Things were not always easy for the first team All-CAC player though, particularly as a freshman when she began her hoops season late due to the overlap of a successful soccer season, that saw the Eagles advance to the semi-final round of the Division III National Championships.

"As a freshman, she missed all of the pre-season, where we do a lot of fundamental stuff which delayed her progress," said Gallahan.

Teter did not start a single game that season but did manage to lead the team in assists at 3.5 per game. Her scoring suffered though, as she averaged only 6.6 points per game on 38% shooting.

Backcourtmate and fellow senior Robin Coates remembers the combination's early days at MWC and recalls how her career was positively affected by playing with Teter. "We were both point guards as freshmen and their was a little tension at first, which is kind of funny now that we're good friends. She's such a great leader on the court that it makes everyone better around her. We've been friends and teammates for four years and Stef's always been someone you can count on."

In her sophomore season, the Burke, Virginia native rebounded, starting 23 games and helping the Eagles receive a first-ever NCAA Tournament bid. She again led the team in assists (5.9 apg.), while scoring nearly eight points per game.

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## Baseball Rebounds From Conference Loss

By Zak Billmeier  
Bulletin Sports Editor

The men's baseball team had an auspicious beginning to their week, taking their first Capital Athletic Conference loss to rival Catholic University, 7-3. Sophomore designated hitter Tim Deyesus and senior shortstop Clay Trivett each went 2 for 4 in the loss.

However, the Eagles rebounded well, beating North Adams State, 8-2, pummeling Randolph-Macon, 10-2, and beating St. Mary's on the road, 4-3.

Junior catcher Nathan Payne, who is having a stellar season after a disappointing sophomore year, was the man on the day against North Adams, going 3 for 4 with five runs batted in and a double. Payne leads the team with 22 RBI, four home runs, and seven doubles. He is hitting .404.

The Eagles have several players hitting over the .400 mark. Junior leftfielder Jin Wong leads the way at .491, with Trivett at .411 and freshman first baseman Eric Guyton at an even .400.

Guyton and Wong also had good days against North Adams. Guyton was 3 for 4 with two runs scored, a double and an RBI, while Wong was 2 for 4. Wong has tied the MWC single-season stolen base record with 25 steals thus far in 1996.

"Guys bug me about [the record] a little

bit, but I don't think about it," said Wong. Junior left-hander Jeff Hootselle continued to dominate the mound, pitching a complete game and striking out seven. Hootselle is now 4-0 on the season, with a 1.64 ERA.

Wong was the star against Randolph-Macon, going 3 for 4 with three RBI and a solo home run. "We're in the driver's seat in the conference right now," said Wong.

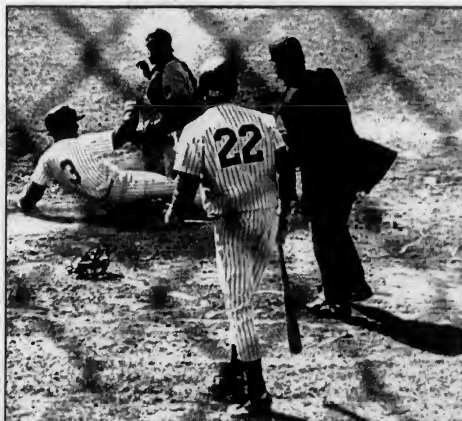
Guyton also hit a home run and went 2 for 5. Sophomore outfielder Pat McCloskey was 3 for 3 with two RBI and two runs scored.

Freshman pitcher Donny Michael improved to 3-0 on the year with the complete-game victory. Michael struck out four. His ERA stands at a microscopic 0.65. "Donny's throwing well this year," said Wong.

The Eagles' schedule starts to heat up soon, with several games against perennial Division III powerhouses. Traditionally, the results of these games have played a large part in getting the team an invitation to the National Tournament.

"We've got to play North Carolina Wesleyan, Ferrum and Methodist, who are always tough," said Wong. "If we can take two from them, we're in pretty good shape."

The North Carolina Wesleyan game will be played on Monday, April 8 at Battleground Stadium. Game time is 3 p.m.



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Senior shortstop Clay Trivett slides into home plate with a run.



File Photo

Stefanie Teter, shown during basketball season, graduates this year as one of Mary Washington College's most outstanding athletes.

## Streak Ends at Six for Women's Lacrosse

By Les Shaver  
Bulletin Staff Writer

After jumping out to the best start in school history, the MWC women's lacrosse team dropped two games to nationally ranked opponents this past week. These losses dropped them to 6-2 on the year.

The Eagles journeyed to Washington and Lee on March 30 to face a team that began the season in the top ten in the country. The Eagles played tough, but were bested by Washington and Lee, 12-8.

Juniors Liza Barber and Charlotte Cockrell paced the Eagles with two goals each in the contest. Seniors Heather Hallows and Eliza Huber, and junior Kristie Fasanaro added the team's other goals. Senior Tricia Kube had four ground balls and five interceptions, while junior Inga Fredland snagged eight ground balls and an interception.

While disappointed with the loss, Coach Dana Hall thinks it could eventually be a positive for her team. "It was an eye opener, I think we experienced pressure against Washington and Lee," Hall said.

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## Men's Tennis Places Third

By Tamara Morse  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Men's tennis relinquished their title as Virginia Intercollegiate Tennis Association (VITA) Champions this weekend placing third in the eight team tournament. The loss put their record at 5-2.

The tournament, held in Newport News, marked the end of the team's three time reign at VITA. The team finished behind Averett University and Hampden-Sydney College.

Highlights in the dismal loss came from No. 3 Eric Gesheker, No. 5 Steve Dykes and the No. 3 doubles team of Rob Bragoli and George Rohman. These players each reached the finals in their flights before losing.

Junior Chris Wallace was disappointed with the loss. "We all gave it our best but we were just overmatched by Averett. . . they were just better than us."

The tournament played on a series of flighted matchups. Each player competed against opponents at the same ranking. The players did not know ahead of time

who they would be playing, Wallace explained.

"It's a totally blind draw, who you play. If you get a bad draw you don't have much choice, you still have to play," he said.

Wallace said that the draw worked to the team's advantage in the past. "The draw always affects the match. In the past we've always had really good draws and we may not have been the best team, but we won the last three state tournaments, and I think that the draw has a lot to do it."

The team struggled against their Averett competitors. "The only teams that we lost to were Averett and Hampden-Sydney the whole time. Averett won eight of the nine flights. They really dominated," Wallace said.

The Eagles look ahead to maintaining their five time title as CAC Champions. The tournament, in two weeks, will be an important showing for the team.

"The CAC tournament's in two weeks. We're trying to prepare for that," said Wallace.

Wallace anticipates a tough match

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## By Ζακ Βιλλμειερ & Βριαν Σχημαχηρη

The Gun is dedicated to John McSherry this week.

Refusing anesthesia and taking their bullet wounds like men this week:

### 1. The Beantown Bombers

They've been dubbed "Team DH" by ESPN, and likened to a "slow-pitch softball team" by Sports Illustrated. The Boston Red Sox' front office went to great lengths to assemble a unit that can sock baseballs over the Green Monster with frequency, but they neglected to consider some of the other points that make a team a team. Like, for instance, pitching and fielding. The Sox will be exciting this year, no doubt about it. With Mo Vaughn, Jose Canseco, Kevin Mitchell and Mike Stanley, it is reasonable to expect 30 home runs plus from each of them. Mike Greenwell, Troy O'Leary, Will Cordero and John Valentin will each add 20 plus. Everyone else will hit 10-15 homers. And if Canseco or Mitchell have a good year, either of them could hit 50. They're gonna score runs.

They're gonna give 'em up, too. Roger Clemens is still the team's #1 starter, but the Rocket is low on fuel these days. If guys like Craig Worthington are catching up to the high heat, there may be a problem.

Aaron Sele has the potential to be the best pitcher on the staff, but he's coming off surgery and is a question mark right now. Tim Wakefield will get shelled time after time this year; you can count on it. He pulled the same trick with the Pirates a few years ago: win a lot of games in a row, dominate the league, and then very rapidly begin to suck. He sucked at the end of last season, so look for "Free Dirt Devil day" at Fenway this August. The bullpen is okay until they get into a save situation, and there will be a lot of those. 13-11 save situations to cash in on this year. Heathcliff Stocumb ain't gonna cut it.

So, all told it's good entertainment, but don't look for the Sox to win the world series until they sign some guys who can get outs, and some guys who won't gank every play that comes their way.

### 2. Lyle Oledein

As time expired in the Sabres-Canadiens game the other day, Buffalo defenseman/goon Lyle Oledein turned and fired a slapper into the Montreal bench, which promptly emptied. Like we always say: isn't hockey great?

### 3. The Shameless Promotion of a Hometown Team by Half of the Smoking Gun

That's just bush league, man.

### 4. MWC Wymyn-Women's Girl's Rugby

Good luck in your season-ending tournaments, girls. I hope we were good drinking sparring partners.

Sincerely,

Zak, Brian, CJ, Dad, Drew, Mike, Gardner, and Arash K.

p.s. - Ice packs are good for the

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The crowning moment in the All-American's hoops career came against York College in the second round of the Capital Athletic Conference this past season. Known primarily for her phenomenal passing ability, Teter scored her 1,000 career point on a three-point field goal late in the game that helped the Eagles squeak by the Spartans, 71-68. Teter led all scorers in the game with a career high 33 points.

"That game topped off her career, because no one thought she would get it, but she's such a determined person," said freshmen teammate Andrea Sellers, who also played high school ball with Teter. "She's a great person to look up to and she gives me something to look forward to."

If you think her numbers and accomplishments in basketball are impressive, check out what she did on the soccer field.

Over her four year soccer career at MWC, the attacking mid-fielder was all-time named second team All-American, three times named CAC player of the year, and was a member of the All-State team in each of her four seasons. Teter finished second all-time in MWC scoring with 101 career points (34 goals/33 assists), leading the Eagles in assists in her first three years, and goals her last three. "She's been an anchor in the program for the past four years that I could always count on," said women's soccer coach Kurt Glaeser. "She's as talented a player as we've had in the program, Stefanie could do things with the ball that no one else could do or even come close to."

Teter was a part of so many memorable games during her four years, but the game that will always stick out to her was the final regular season CAC game of the '96 season. The Eagles faced Salisbury State, with the winner gaining the home field for the CAC tournament.

With the game knotted at 0-0 and time running down in the second half, Teter struck for the Eagles. Teter slid the ball by the Seagull goalie with 15 seconds left on the clock and gave the Eagles a 1-0 win and the home field advantage.

"That game was special because it was our last regular season game and we had to win for the number one seed," said Teter.

Prior to attending MWC, the senior attended Lake Braddock High School in Northern Virginia where she was a three sport standout, playing basketball, soccer, and field hockey. Unfortunately for Teter, she had to make a choice between soccer and field hockey when attending MWC because of their conflicting fall schedules. The decision was to play soccer, for the simple reason that she had played soccer since the age of five.

"If field hockey or soccer was a spring sport, she would have opted to play all three sports," said Stefanie's father Bob Teter, who played a year of college basketball at South East Missouri State.

The All-American grew up the youngest of two children, with her older sister Laura being the person she looked up to most. The elder Teter, who is currently the assistant basketball coach at Lake Braddock, was a tough act to follow. Laura was also a three sport athlete in high school, before heading to George Mason on a basketball scholarship.

"My sister was definitely my role model," said Teter. "I tried to follow in her footsteps through my high school career."

With both kids graduated from college and their athletic careers over, Bob and Barbara Teter are faced with the dilemma of how to fill the time they would normally spend following their children up and down the East Coast to games.

"We're really gonna miss it," said Barbara Teter. "I guess we'll have to go watch our nieces and nephews play."

Bob Teter agreed saying, "This was a big part of our lives for the last 17 years. I don't know what we're gonna do. My wife says I can fix up the house."

swelling.

### 5. Alex Inge

Junior Alex Inge, a member of the MWC swim team, is apparently considering foregoing his final year of eligibility in order to make himself available in the upcoming NBA draft.

Inge, who has developed his skills on the streets of Lynchburg, Va. in recent years, is highly regarded by every team in the NBA.

Inge has been described by one NBA scout as having the ball handling skills of Magic Johnson, the outside shot of Larry Bird, and the strength to post up Shaq Monday through Saturday, and twice on Sunday.

"The boy's got skill," said San Antonio Spurs center, David Robinson.

Since Inge is so highly regarded, there is a real possibility that he could end up being drafted by one of the weaker teams in the NBA. This does not seem to bother him.

"I'm not really concerned about being drafted by a really weak-ass team. I mean, even if some sorry team like the Grizzlies drafts me, I'll be able to win them a championship next season - no problem. I'm just that good," Inge said.

### 7. A 21-Gun Salute

Sunrise. The entire company, with freshly polished rifles in tow, stands at rigid attention as they face the American flag. The spit is still wet on their shoes as the Sargeant readies himself for what he considers the toughest task of his storied Army career.

Taps begins to play in the background, first softly, then building in a mad crescendo to a loud fortissimo. Eyes are dry around the compound, but their souls are drenched with tears.

"Men," begins the Sargeant, "Today I bring you some tough news. It is news that will touch the deepest crevasses of your cognition."

One squeamish PFC excuses himself rapidly to go retch behind the mess hall.

"Yes, men," continues the Sargeant, "today marks a watershed in all our lives. The Smoking Gun, our master, our mentor, our *raison d'etre*, is no more." The Sargeant, being very tough and masculine, pretends to blow his nose as he wipes the tears from his cheeks.

"Yes, we will all have to reach deep within ourselves and find another reason to go on living. It will be a tough climb, a climb wrought with hardship and personal loss, but we must persevere, we must overcome..." The Sargeant trails off, not able to control his emotions any longer. The company followed suit, transcending their macho image as men hugged other men in consolation.

And as the skies open up, it is thought that God himself is truly saddened.

Goodbye, dear friends...

## B.S. (Bullet Staff) Sports Polls

MLB Franchises	Pro Basketball	Pro Hockey	10 Worst Announcers
1. Los Angeles (46)	1. Chicago (60)	1. Detroit (69)	1. Dan Dierdorf (29)
2. Atlanta (44)	2. Orlando (52)	2. Pittsburgh (61)	2. Quinn Buckner (25)
3. Toronto (41)	3. San Antonio (45)	3. Colorado (55)	3. Clark Kellogg (25)
4. Oakland (27)	4. Seattle (42)	4. Philadelphia (51)	4. Bill Rafferty (21)
5. Baltimore (24)	5. Utah (32)	5. NY Rangers (38)	5. Frank Gifford (18)
6. Boston (23)	6. LALakers (32)	6. Chicago (31)	6. Harry Caray (18)
7. Detroit (18)	7. Houston (26)	7. Florida (29)	7. Al Michaels (16)
8. Pittsburgh (15)	8. Indiana (21)	8. Montreal (26)	8. Mary Alpert (15)
9. Cincinnati (14)	9. New York (11)	9. Washington (10)	9. George Ravelling (13)
10. Kansas City (12)	10. Cleveland (3)	10. New Jersey (5)	10. Billy Packer (12)

This week's contributors to the B.S. Poll were: Zak Billmeier (Editor), Brian Schumacher (Asst. Editor), Bryan Tucker (Asst. Editor), and staff writers Eric Gaffen, Les Shaver, and Mike Carpenter. Resident hockey expert Jenine Zimmers once again contributed to the NHL poll.

Honorable mentions for the 10 worst announcers / TV personalities in sports include:

Jason Jackson (ESPN Sportscenter anchor), Dave Johnson (HTS), Andrea Kremer (ugly Sportscenter anchor), Brent Musburger, Craig Laughlin (HTS Hockey color man), and Fred and Derek (Bruins hockey announcers).

Paul Macguire (NBC football), Barry Melrose (ESPN hockey), and Zak Billmeier (MWC sports announcer). sorry, Zak.

Would you like to be a B.S. pollster? If so, just talk to Zak or Brian on campus (we probably won't bite, or anything), or call the Sports Desk at 654-1133.

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failed to show up for the game.

These postponed games have been very frustrating for the team, according to Coach Hall.

The Eagles now must prepare for two important games to finish out this week. The first contest is a rescheduled game against conference foe Salisbury State University, Thursday afternoon at the Battlefield.

"I anticipate quickness and speed [from the Salisbury State team], it will be a dogfight," Hall said. They will follow this with a trip to

11-time Division III National Champion, Trenton State College on April 6.

This game presents an imposing challenge for the Eagles.

"They are definitely the imposing force in Division III lacrosse," Hall said.

It is a challenge that could give the Eagles renewed confidence as they head into the final games of the regular season and the post-season, if they play up the potential they showed during their 6-0 start.

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against Salisbury State next Friday. The match could have bearing on the upcoming championship.

"We've won the last five CAC [tournaments], but this year Salisbury will probably be the favorite ahead of us. If we beat them Friday, it will give us a lot of confidence going into CAC's," said Wallace.



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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Liebman Laughs It Up In Dodd

By Leigh Reveley  
Bulletin Staff Writer

"I'm so happy to be here because I didn't get accepted," comedian Wendy Liebman addressed the students of Mary Washington Sunday night.

MWC students loved Liebman as much as she seemed to love them at her show that Giant Productions put on in Dodd Auditorium March 29. The perky, quirky comedian kept her audience in continuous laughter for over an hour.

Wendy Liebman has a style all of her own. Her technique revolves around the one-liner with a subliminal after-thought. Her timing is unexpected and crucial - the real punchline falls after the joke seems to be over.

Take this series of lines: "My parents used to stuff me with candy," she says. "They didn't want a kid, they wanted a pinata." She waits until the laughter settles and then adds, "I used to hate that stick," making the crowd reel again.

The Long Island native has been on the comedy circuit for eleven years. Her big break came when she went to the Johnnie Walker Comedy Competition finals in Los Angeles. During her performance at the Improv, she was discovered by the talent coordinator of The Tonight Show With Johnny Carson. Three months later she moved to Los Angeles and her career kicked off from there.

It is all because of a mistake that Wendy Liebman became interested in stand-up comedy. She was living in Boston after college, where she was "shy and depressed." One day, she took in the wrong mail - intended for her neighbors downstairs - and came across an adult-education catalogue. After flipping through the catalogue, she decided to take an acting course.

"The teacher quit after two weeks," the comedian recalls, "not just because of me, at least, I don't think so. And then we all had to take another class. I went through the catalogue again - 'Basket weaving, flower arranging, stand-up comedy'... oh! That sounds like fun!"

To the few hundred students squeezed into Dodd's munchkin chairs, the performance seemed to take a turn for the worst as soon as it began.



courtesy photo

Wendy Liebman put on a hilarious show in Dodd Auditorium last Sunday.

The show opened with a certain Mike Henry welcoming the audience. After attempting a minute's worth of stand-up, the young man acknowledged that he wasn't very funny, and returned to his original task of introducing the opening act.

"Say hello to my friend Rich. He came up here from Richmond," Henry said, turning over the stage. A very nervous Rich Henrhan took control of the mic. Beginning with his feminist girlfriend, he covered a whole range of topics including relationships, college, the stripper experience, and learning to drive.

"I've been out of college for a few years," he joked, "I haven't graduated or anything."

Though parts of his routine were undeniably funny, it was a painful experience to be a member of the audience, similar to watching your best friend being dumped by their idol. Most of the jokes weren't that funny, but you felt forced to laugh because Henrhan was trying so hard.

It came as a relief when Liebman was introduced. The comedian took the microphone, and just her stage presence immediately reassured the crowd that they were going to enjoy themselves. She addressed

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By David McKim and Rob Thormeyer  
Bulletin Staff Meticians

Editor's Note: The following events may or may not have happened. In other words, no list this week.

A long, long, time ago in a galaxy far, far, far, far away, something probably died. But that's not the point. The point is, this is the last Lounge Lizard ever, and the following story recounts this legend's final hours. NOTE: The following story contains graphic elements (I.E.: Kids, don't let your parents read this!).

It was a bright sunny day, the killer bees were buzzing, the Venus Flytraps were choking on frogs that they thought were flies, and O.J. Simpson had found the true killer of Nicole Brown Simpson: The Lounge Lizard. Mr. Simpson revealed the startling details during a press conference on his front lawn.

"The Lounge Lizard. Yeah, he's the one. I saw him kill her myself. I tried to stop him, but those scales on his back were too damn sharp. In fact, that was how I cut my hand! Yeah, that sounds about right!"

O.J.'s speech ended with a bounty on the Lounge Lizard itself. To the person who finds him, spoils and riches will follow. With that, the SWAT Team, the Navy SEALs, the LAPD, the cast of NYPD BLUE, and Martha "How to serve Lizard flambe" Stewart jumped into action.

"Hey, where's that Lizard live anyway," asked Stewart, wielding kitchen knives while cooking a turkey. "Oh, I don't know. Lets shoot first and answer questions at the Senate hearing later," replied Major Skip Phrenia.

Using the Smoking Gun for inspiration and Tom Clancy for comic relief, Operation: Kill The Lizard was placed into effect.

Upon hearing the news, the innocent, lovable, friendly Lizard tried to resolve the conflict peacefully.

"I would just like to proclaim my innocence and extend my offer for a meeting to discuss the accusations peacefully. I'll bring the Isotoner gloves," issued the Liz-

ard in a hand written statement on his own personalized stationary and given to his trusted friend and advisor Mel "Velvet Fog" Torme. Mr. Torme and the note were wrestled to the ground by the angry mob.

Mr. Torme sends his regards.

Soon after the news of Torme's fatality, the Lizard began to fortify his spacious, eight bedroom mansion in beautiful downtown Fredericksburg. His servant and Vice President of Lounge Lizard Inc. Nayr Mada went into hiding. We don't know why, he just did.

A few days later, the Simpson-led team had found the Lizard's abode.

"Okay," OJ declared, "when you kill him, take the knife and cut under the throat like so." As OJ said this, he grabbed Stewart, sliced her throat, let out a maniacal laugh and screamed "You're next Lounge Face!"

"Now," OJ declared, "get the Lizard."

With that, the team rushed into the house, grab the Lizard and dragged him outside to OJ.

"You're a big man OJ, getting your team to do your dirty work," the Lizard yelled.

"You know what Mr. Lizard? I've had enough of you! Your columns always made fun of me. They always made me so mad and made me look like a murderer to the world. DO I look like a murderer," Simpson asked the Lizard as he held up his butcher knife.

"You can't win OJ," the Lizard sneered under his breathe. "If you strike me down, I shall become more powerful than you can possibly imagine."

"Shut up shut up shut up shut up," OJ screamed. "I'm gonna kill you man...I swear it! You're nothing but dead lizard meat!"

OJ's arms then chopped repeatedly on the Lizard's body, but, even after the Lizard's last scream, there was no blood, just jello.

"What the..." OJ yelled, "What's going on? Where's

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## "Diabolique" Leaves Every Stone Unturned

By Angela Taylor  
Bulletin Movie Critic

This is the only movie I've ever seen that doesn't show Sharon Stone in the buff. Of course, that's about the only original aspect this film can claim.

A remake of the 1955 film of the same name, "Diabolique" is directed by Jeremiah Chechik and stars Sharon Stone as a teacher at an all boys school. Isabelle Adjani and Chazz Palminteri co-star as the couple who owns and runs the school.

Nicole (Stone) is the mistress of Guy Baran (Palminteri), the abusive husband of Mia (Adjani). The strange thing is, Mia knows all about it and doesn't seem to mind. In fact, she and Nicole are the best of friends, with Nicole often standing up for Mia when Guy goes on one of his mean streaks.

The two women plot to murder Guy. Mia for obvious reasons and Nicole because he supposedly stole money from her. They trick him into going to Nicole's apartment where Mia poisons his drink and then drowns him in the bathtub. The two then proceed to put his body in a wicker trunk, load him in the car, and dump him in the abandoned, scum-filled swimming pool at the school. And it just so happens that Mia's sunglasses fall in with the body.

Pretty soon, Nicole and Mia start to suspect that Guy may still be alive. No body is found when the school drains the pool, Guy's suit turns up in Mia's bedroom with incriminating film in the pocket, and one of the students is seen wearing Mia's sunglasses. When an unidentified body washes up on a nearby river bank, Mia goes to the police station to view the body in the hope that it's Guy. It's not, but she meets Shirley Vogle (played by Kathy Bates), an ex-detective who steps in to help Mia find her husband. Mia agrees in order to keep the police out of it and eventually Detective Vogle uncovers some strange clues (i.e. Guy's cufflink in the bathtub drain, the wicker trunk hidden in the storage shed at the school).

Well, to sum things up, the story is unraveled. I can't really say much more without giving away the ending, just that it's pretty corny. Which is

### MOVIE REVIEW

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## Santa Fe Brings the Blues To Downtown

By Lauren Creamer  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Santa Fe Bar and Grill is the place to be every Sunday night for Blues fans. Even those of you, like myself, that know nothing about Blues are guaranteed a great time.

This past Sunday I had the pleasure of listening to and meeting The O.C. Nunn. The group consisted of five guys based in the D.C. area. O.C. Nunn, the vocalist, originally from Chicago; Scott Mattern on guitar; Tim Jones, the bassist; Michael Johnson the drummer; and Ralph Webb on keyboards.

I got a chance to talk to the band during their break and found out that none of them have ever played Fredericksburg before. In fact, the five don't usually play together, they "get thrown together, and are not a self contained line up," Jones informed me.

"It's too hard (that way), we work from a floating pool of members that all know each other," added Mattern. The lineup depends on who books the show, and that person is the lead for the night.

"I played three different clubs with the same people and all three times under a different name," said Mattern. I had no idea a band could work using such a concept, but they sounded like they play together every day of the week.

The reason they sound so good, aside from being blessed with incredible talent, is that they work from a set of standards that, according to Webb and Mattern, "everyone knows and plays. They're not that difficult." I disagree.

By 10 p.m. a pretty substantial crowd had developed, impressive for a Sunday night. Based on the group's enthusiasm for their music, the size of the crowd doesn't seem to matter that much.

"I've played for thousands and I've played for crowds smaller than this one," says Mattern.

"I actually played for a crowd of NONE once. It just depends," interjected Webb.

According to Nunn it depends on a few things, "the time of the year matters, but the most important thing for a club to do is to promote their entertainment."



courtesy photo

O.C. Nunn recently performed at the Santa Fe Bar & Grille's Sunday Night Blues night. The bar has a reputation for being "the Blues place in Fredericksburg."

Well, apparently Santa Fe is doing a good job and developing a reputation for being, according to Johnson, "the Blues Place in Fredericksburg."

O.C. Nunn did a great job getting the crowd into the music and seemed to be the highlight of the show. I got to talk to him one for awhile and, let me tell you, I was impressed with, not only his music, but all his accomplishments as well.

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## WMWC Top Ten List

Place	Album	Artist
1.	"Different Class"	Pulp
2.	"An Hour With..."	Vitapup
3.	"Gilded Stars and Zealous Hearts"	Velocity Girl
4.	"Amish Paradise"	"Weird" Al Yankovich
5.	"Tiny Music"	Stone Temple Pilots
6.	"Mercury Falling"	Sting
7.	"Guided By Voices"	Guided By Voices
8.	"Junky"	Union Deposit Road
9.	"Peaches"	Presidents of the USA
10.	"Trip Along"	Tripping Daisy

The Top Ten List is compiled by the Music Dept. of WMWC and determined by the amount of airplay an album receives by the DJs of the station. Questions? Please call the Bulletin at x1133 or WMWC at x1152

## Local Music Scene

George Street Grill  
Thursday: Hazel Virtue

Santa Fe Grill and Saloon  
Friday/Saturday: Johnnie Menace

Irish Brigade:  
Friday: Pat McGee  
Saturday: Elephant Boy and The Secret

## Coming Attractions...

Thursday, March 28- April 7: "Taming of the Shrew;" Klein Theatre

Thursday, April 4, Sunday, April 7: "Four Rooms," Dodd Auditorium, \$1

Friday, April 5, Saturday, April 6: "Heat," Dodd Auditorium, \$1

Saturday, April 13- April 14: "Toy Story," Dodd Auditorium, \$1

Tuesday, April 16: Morphine w/ 16 Horsepower, 7 p.m., Great Hall, \$5 MWC students, \$10 General admission

# MWC Senior Gives Rappers A Chance

By Ryan A. MacMichael  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Senior Jasper White, a.k.a. Master HURRIKANE, is perhaps known best for his frequent appearances as DJ at events ranging from Marshall's Grill on the Hill to any of the frequent Black Student Association dances. But since 1993 White has also been producer and manager for MECA (Middle East Clique and Associates) Foundation Management.

The management group, co-founded by White and non-student Renard Salaam, is working currently with six groups: Mary Washington's own Poetic (Junior DeJuan Brown), Lady Ladayce, Blackstone (co-founder Salaam), Bashir, The Mighty Dap, and The Nit Wits as well as partial management for Trademark Ayat. Members of the MECA Foundation have made several on-campus appearances, including as opening acts for Mad Skillz and Point Blank earlier this year as well as on Marshall's Grill on the Hill.

"We're trying to get different groups signed to various recording labels," said White. "We almost have something right now, but we're just waiting for an answer back."

The groups put in heavy time writing their lyrics, performing them, and recording them at the studio. White puts in an equal amount of time working the production side of the music.

"I want people to realize that this

is not just a hobby, it's really going to happen," said White. "I think that the support from the Mary Washington students so far has been good and the more support that they give us, the better we'll do."

DeJuan Brown's debut release "Simply Poetic" features one track produced by White, "Babble On." In an industry where vocalists often aren't on close terms with their producers, Brown finds working with White an easy thing.

"It's just cool to work with him. It's simple... easy," Brown said. "He doesn't make stuff difficult, everything comes clean and everything operates smoothly when we're together."

White's work isn't restricted by his MECA Foundation. He is also selling tracks to rappers elsewhere in the country under the title of "Eye of the Storm Productions."

"Basically, we're going to be selling tracks for anyone out there that wants to purchase one," White said. Demos are currently produced for The Nit Wits, a two-man crew from Stafford, VA, Poetic, and Ladayce. Brothers Bashir and Blackstone also have solo demos due out shortly as does the rest of the MECA Foundation.

White hopes to have record deals for several of the groups within a few months and not much longer for the rest. This talented bunch is bringing a distinctive sound and positive message to hip-hop that has been absent from major labels for too long.

## WENDY, page 8

the crowd with an enormous smile and in a completely relaxed manner.

To warm up the crowd, she started the routine with the subject of college.

"I was a R.A.... and I had to deal with bulimia, homesickness, and suicide... and that was just me," the comedian said. "Yeah... College... it's the best eight years of your life."

She then talked about various parts of her anatomy that didn't meet her expectations.

"I found a grey hair and it really flipped me out, not because it was my first, but because it was on my chest," she explained.

Occasionally she would ask, "Did you get it Mary Washington?" just to make sure we were following along.

After incorporating a few members of the crowd into her routine, Liebman's next target was her family.

"My mom's a ventriloquist... she can really throw her voice... for ten

years I thought the dog was telling me to kill my father... my brother was the one who did it."

"Is there a doctor in the house?" she asked. "Because my mother wants me to marry you."

After looking at her watch and determining that she had five minutes left, Liebman decided to close the show with impressions of famous people's girlfriends. The crowd seemed surprised that time had passed so quickly, and the fact that she only had five minutes left was so disappointing, it seemed like a threat.

The impressions were wonderful and included Picasso's girlfriend as well as Barry Manilow's girlfriend (Liebman made a simple gun to the head gesture for that one). The audience kept hoping that she wouldn't run out of girlfriend impressions, but unfortunately she did.

Wendy Liebman closed a hysterical show with, "You have been a dream come true... I love this audience." And the audience was left wanting more.

## BLUES, page 8

He has been a Blues performer for 35 years and draws inspiration from his cousin, Wild Child Butler, also a Blues performer, and, most importantly to Nunn, God.

"He gives me spiritual knowledge and my interest in music," said Nunn.

O.C. did list a few of his mentors that have inspired him throughout his career. The list includes: the late Buster Benton, Otis Clay, Bobby Parker, as well as some that he has actually worked with, including CoCo Taylor, Willie Kent, and Big Time Sarah.

Nunn also works with the D.C. Blues Society and for the past two years has opened the D.C. Blues Festival. The Society "shows appreciation for artists in the area and lists

clubs and local artists that do Blues," according to Nunn. He is also going to be nationally recognized through the Northern Virginia Folk Life Association by being entered into the National Archives at the Library of Congress.

The only possible way to summarize my first Blues experience is to say that these guys were the coolest. They played hard and really got the crowd into the music.

Santa Fe features Blues artists every Sunday night and I highly recommend that you try to get there at least once. You have to be 21 and the cover is a measly four dollars.

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# Poe's "Happy" Doesn't Miss A Beat

By Tracey Dickerson  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Newcomer Poe brings together funky rhythms and some powerful lyrics on her debut album "Hello."

She deftly utilizes the 90s style of alternative by mixing 70s funk with the powerful woman's voice of the late 90s.

All of her songs are different and the subjects range from computer modems to angry psychos. Angry describes just one of the emotions behind Poe's voice. The song "Angry Johnny" talks about where and how someone could kill another person. Poe sings "I wanna kill you/ I wanna blow you away." Despite the lyrics, Poe uses a unique way of presenting them. Instead of screaming those words, she says them softly and to a funky beat rather than a harsh guitar.

Liz Phair and Suzanne Vega obviously have had some influence on Poe. The first track "Hello" has a similar beat to Vega's "Tom's Diner"

## Album Review

and the words are just as simple. In her fourth song, "Another Day," the blend of Poe's voice and the guitar remind Liz Phair fans of the track on the soundtrack to "Higher Learning." Poe has a great deal of talent, which the public has not been able to see. "Hello" has had a hard time getting off the ground because of the first single "Trigger Happy Jack," perhaps the weakest song on the album. Poe would have been better off releasing "Angry Johnny." Even though it is a bit morbid, the jazzy, funky beat would have grabbed more people's attention.

Overall, if you are looking for a groovy alternative sound to chill to, "Happy" is definitely worth checking into.

## LIZARD, page 8

the Lizard!!!!!!!!!!!!"

QJ then stomped into the house and began breaking things left and right. He couldn't find the lizard anywhere. That is, until he found a letter.

"OJ- Look, I had to run. I left a clone for you to kill. Hope you like

jello. Hey, its like I said, 'You can't win. If you strike me down I shall become more powerful than you can possibly imagine.' Well look, I gotta run. Tell my fans I said 'Hi' and let 'em know that I will return in another place, in another time. Cheers- Lounge Lizard."



Historic moment: After deploying his clone for O.J. to intercept, the lounge lizard bids his fans a confident farewell before returning to his private helicopter, bound for an undisclosed destination.

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very disappointing since most of the movie is quite intriguing, or at least the plot was. The acting left much to be desired, however.

Stone is a little too monotone in her heartless murderer act, very much like her characters in "Basic Instinct" and "The Quick and the Dead." It would be interesting to see if she could handle an emotional, realistic role. And Adjani was way too wide-eyed and innocent, almost to the point of irritating.

Even Bates' performance was a little dull in comparison to her previous roles. But she did have a few snappy one-liners to relieve the tension. And there was one amusing scene involving a clip of the original film. The character flipping TV channels remarks "I'll just wait until that one comes out in color." Cute.

So what I guess I'm saying is, unless you're a die-hard Sharon Stone fan, don't waste your time. This is one remake that would have been better left alone.

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## FEMINIST page 3

second sex, and proved to them that the power of choice is all the power they need. Feminism encourages women to control the directions of their lives, whether it be to go to college, own an office, or make a home: the important thing is that a woman does as she chooses, not as she's told.

Feminists and feminism are nothing to be afraid of. Do you think women should be treated unequally? If you don't think so, you are a

feminist. If that fact surprises you, then you have been misinformed about the feminist ideology. This doesn't mean that you hate men or are nothing more than an unrealistic, idealistic college kid. You don't have to attack door-holders, or family values; the only requirement is that you believe in the equal treatment of the sexes.

When discussing feminism, it is important not to cloud the argument by mixing in other issues, like

abortion or affirmative action. While feminism plays a part in those topics, it is a separate subject that should be distilled and dealt with on its own. Feminism provides women with a path for finding their voices, and an outlet for letting those voices be heard in a cohesive, assertive way.

Nedra Stuckey is a sophomore English major.

## RUSSIAN page 3

another step in the college's abandonment of international programs.

The elimination of the Russian program would also carry a powerful message for faculty members in all other disciplines. It would tell us in the most emphatic way possible that enrollments matter above all else. It tells those who are untended that it if they want to keep their jobs, they had better do whatever has to be to make their courses popular. In some courses, this might mean sacrificing standards in order to increase enrollments. (It will not go unnoticed that the Russian program has

consistently maintained some of the highest standards the college, and that its courses have a reputation among students being among the most demanding we offer.) In others, it might mean the elimination of the substantive to make way for the entertaining. In the long term, it threatens the fabric of a liberal arts education by confusing the principles of the academy with the principles of the market place.

I urge all members of the college community to make their voices heard on this crucial issue. Let us not allow the college to sacrifice an integral part of our academic program

for short-sighted and narrowly considered reasons. The implications of this drastic step go far beyond the single faculty member who will lose her job, or even the relatively small number of students who will have to find other areas of interest. The Russian program is a specialized offering which, however small, is a crucial part of our overall mission. It's elimination will, in the medium and long term, threaten our mission as a college of the liberal arts and sciences.

Donald N. Rallis is an assistant professor of geography.

## LETTERS page 3

occurred with the Alvey Hall fourth floor bulletin board took place on Feb. 29, not March 11. I was approached by a fourth floor RA concerning inappropriate comments left on a blank bulletin board list entitled "Top Ten Reasons to be a Woman." I am quoted as saying, "The first comment that was left was 'multiple orgasms'..." They were given a bad example and they followed it. What I told Mr. Horn was that my understanding of the incident was that the board was taken as a farce, or a joke, because the statement listed as the number one reason to be a woman was "multiple orgasms." Mr. Horn asked me if I could find humor in such a statement. I replied that I could find humor in this statement in the appropriate setting, not on a bulletin board celebrating Women's History Month. I told Mr. Horn that I did not, however, find the statement "I know I deserve it when he beats me" humorous under any circumstances. Too many women are victims of domestic violence and abuse and I do not find that to be a joking matter.

Additionally, I never stated, "It's the fact that it's a female hall that disgusts me." I cannot stress enough how inaccurate this particular quote is. What I had said was that I found it bothersome that women on the fourth floor were stating that these comments were written by their own floormates as a joke. I had concerns over women writing such harmful comments towards their own sex with the intent being humorous. I also told Mr. Horn that I was not angry with any of the residents, but concerned as to why they would find humor in such harmful statements.

This gross distortion of the truth potentially damages my relationship with my first-year residents of my building, should they believe my statements as they were written. I encourage anyone, especially the

residents of Alvey Hall, who has concerns over this situation to contact me directly to discuss this unfortunate matter.

Jennifer Rudolf  
Head Resident of Alvey Hall  
senior

Editor's Note: The reporter of the above mentioned article stands by the claim that Jennifer Rudolf was quoted correctly.

## Steakhouse Gets Two Thumbs Up

I would like to commend Mary Washington College's steakhouse. The excellent service and presentation are worth recognition. At no additional cost, the steakhouse is open Friday evenings to students looking for a variation in the meal plan.

On Jan. 26 I went to the steakhouse, which is held in the green room of Seacobeck, with seven friends. We made the necessary reservations and were instructed to be punctual. When Friday evening arrived, we dressed up in some of our "nicer apparel" to enjoy the steakhouse to its fullest.

We arrived promptly for our reservation. An obliging host, a student of MWC, greeted us upon arrival and collected our tickets. We were then seated in a dimly lit dining room among several other students enjoying their dinners amidst a pleasant ambience. The lighting, classical music, waiters and waitresses and adorned tables all contributed to the pleasant atmosphere.

Not long after our seating, a waitress took drink orders and told us not to "feel rushed" in choosing our meals. We looked over the

delectable menu, accepting recommendations and explanations about the entrees from our waitress. The description of each dish was sure to please any palate. A succulent New York strip steak was offered as well as chicken with a creamy spinach stuffing. In addition to the entrees, a choice of baked potato or steak fries and a vegetable are included.

The menu consists of four courses: an appetizer, salad, entree and dessert. Each course also offers two or three items to fit different preferences. The presentation of the food was fashionable and appealing to the eye.

Overall, the steakhouse is an enjoyable asset to Mary Washington College. The service my friends and I encountered deserves a note of recognition. Thank you to all who make it possible to enjoy a special meal on campus at no extra cost.

Robyn Osl  
freshman

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# The Movie Game

Simply link movie actors through their co-stars, like so: (Remember - connections that involve TV in any way do not count)

Here are this week's Movie Game matches:

This week's matches were submitted by sophomore Courtney Lamb.

This one is pretty easy:

Kirstie Alley and Helen Hunt

Here's one that's a little harder:

Annette Benning and Will Smith

Do you have any matches you would like to see in the Bullet? Make up your own and send them to box 604 with the solutions.

Here are last week's answers:

All three matches were made by sophomore Stephen "movie expert" Hatch.

James Caan and Billy Baldwin

James Caan - Talia Shire (The Godfather);

Talia Shire - Sylvester Stallone (Rocky); Sylvester Stallone - Kurt Russell (Big Trouble in Little China); Kurt Russell - Billy Baldwin (Backdraft)

Roy Scheider and Chris Elliott

Roy Scheider - Richard Dreyfus (Jaws); Richard Dreyfus - Bill Murray (What About Bob?); Bill Murray - Chris Elliott (Groundhog's Day)

Jessica Tandy and Bruce Willis

Jessica Tandy - Morgan Freeman (Driving Miss Daisy); Morgan Freeman - Brad Pitt (Seven); Brad Pitt - Bruce Willis (12 Monkeys)

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# RUSSIAN page 1

alve the program . . . The foreign language department is one hundred percent in favor of keeping our Russian program," Reynolds said.

Reynolds said that Russian adds a lot to MWC despite its low enrollment.

"It's true what the Dean says. We do not have a lot of Russian Studies majors, you know, maybe one or two, or three at the most at a time. However, the Russian program from our department supports Russian studies on this campus. . . it's a discipline I think which enriches a number of other departments," Reynolds said.

According to Palmer, no action can be taken against either the Russian program or Baslyk's position until the BOV gives its consent. She and Hall plan to meet with President William Anderson before they present the recommendation to the BOV.

Wood said she was thinking about majoring in Russian studies.

"I would like to be a Russian major because I don't want to have to start over, you know. It's hard especially because I don't want to end up having to pay for school the rest of my life, and I don't want to end up paying for extra years because of something they're going to cut back on," Wood said.

According to Wood, many people are intimidated by Russian because it is a hard language. However, she feels that the option should be there for everyone.

"Why require people to take a foreign language, you know, if [the administration's] going to limit everyone's options to only taking like French, German, and Spanish or something like that, you know," Wood said.

Wood said that there are only seven students in her

Russian 202 class.

"I like it now because everyone's so close and everyone knows each other. I mean, we all get along really well. It's funny because we all like complement each other," Wood said.

Freshman Alexandria Zerbe said that one of the reasons she came to MWC was its Russian program.

"It's a bad move for the school [MWC]. People come here for the unusual classes like Russian. The school would lose a lot of valuable students who want to take unusual classes even if they're not majoring in it," Zerbe said.

Some students have already begun to combat the possible loss of the Russian program.

On Tuesday afternoon, sophomore Bettie Bell went around campus getting signatures for a petition that

requested that the Russian discipline not be terminated. It also stated that the faculty and students should be allowed to express their opinions before any final decision is made.

Bell, who is a Sociology major, said that she had taken the Russian literature class last semester. She first heard the rumors in her Spanish class.

"The reason that we're doing this is that we want the administration to know how we feel about it," Bell said.

According to sophomore Kristin Lantz, who is also treasurer of the Russian Club, she and some other students are working on flyers that will better inform the college community about the controversial situation with Russian.

"Well, she's [Baslyk] gotten so many different stories too. There's just so many things going around right now; no one knows for sure what's going on," Lantz said.

# SUES page 1

The college temporarily waived the fee while HUD investigated, but tried to collect the funds again from Phillips in 1994, because the state believed that HUD abandoned the case, said Deputy Attorney General William H. Hurd.

Once HUD completed its investigation, the college agreed to drop the fee, but by this time Phillips had decided to sue, said Ronald E. Singleton, director of the Office of College Relations and Legislative Affairs.

Phillips initially asked for \$85,000 in damages and that the college hold various sensitivity awareness programs including providing wheelchairs to able-bodied students for a week's use, and using photographs of disabled students in the student handbook. The latest settlement agreement specified no monetary amount for damages, according to the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

In an interview with the Free Lance-Star, Virginia Attorney General James S. Gilmore II said the federal

government has "gone off the deep end" in the case and denied any violation of the Fair Housing Act.

Phillips said that heightened sensitivity toward students with disabilities is needed at Mary Washington College. He later added that all minorities on campus, not just disabled students, feel alienated.

"I'm kind of bewildered at how strongly they are resisting the problem. They're really fighting me on it," said Phillips. "At Mary Washington, there is an overall poor attitude toward people who are different. It's a disabled issue, a race issue and a gay and lesbian issue."

Singleton said that there is an increasing state of awareness for the disabled on campus, heightened by Distinguished Professor of History and American Studies James Farmer's recent operation. Farmer was wheelchair-bound after his leg was amputated due to complications from diabetes. His condition caused the college to find an alternative large lecture room for his popular Civil Rights

class. He had previously taught the class in Monroe Hall, which is not wheelchair accessible. It is now taught in Lee Hall Ballroom.

Sophomore transfer student Lauren Friedman has embarked on her own crusade this week to heighten awareness about wheelchair access on MWC campus. As part of disability awareness week, Friedman voluntarily spent two days in a wheelchair. This Thursday she will report to faculty, staff and administration about her experiences in the wheelchair.

Friedman began the week at 8 a.m. Monday in a wheelchair provided by the health center. By 3 p.m. Wednesday her arms, hands and shoulders ached from maneuvering the wheelchair around campus. She returned her wheelchair four hours early out of pure exhaustion.

"It's not surprising that we don't have more wheelchair bound students. The bricks keep the wheels from going straight and there's just too many hills around here," said

Friedman.

Friedman felt that the most students and faculty were open-minded and helpful about her temporary disability, but that the campus is far from being fully accessible in a wheelchair. Particularly difficult spots, according to Friedman, were the doors in Chandler Hall and not being able to reach the food in Seacobeck and the Eagle's Nest.

"I've realized how frustrating it is to have to be dependent on other people. It bothered me that I had to wait for someone to help me. It was nice when they would, but you know we shouldn't have to ask other people," said Friedman.

Despite the irony of the court case against the college, which includes similar wheelchair-for-a-day programs as settlement options, Patricia Tracy, director of disability services, says that the two events are totally unrelated.

"The timing is a pure coincidence," said Tracy. "We're not reacting to bad publicity in the press."

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